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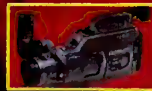


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Claims & Acclaim

"VA's Backlog: Claims, Quotas, Chaos" by Ken Scharnberg (August) was excellent. It just goes to show what a national disgrace the backlog of claims has become. It's ironic and sickening that an illegal alien can cross the border and have a check from our government in two weeks, but an honorably discharged veteran can languish in the bureaucracy of VA for years and years. Shame on VA!

Fellow veterans, take up your pens and let your senators and representatives know what is going on. Don't let them forget those who have given so much for this nation.

*Paul L. Polydoras
Milford, Mass.*

Restore The Flag

Commander Bruce Thiesen was dead right when he wrote: "We need to restore honor to the American Flag" in his July Commander's Message. I pray your efforts to restore respect and honor for our history, ideals and values will succeed. Respect for the Flag is a beginning. Our future as a free people depends upon that success.

*J.D. Phillips
Springfield, Mass.*

What Went Wrong

When my stepfather mailed the July issue of THE AMERICAN LEGION MAGAZINE my way, it was folded at the Gary Bauer article, "What Went Wrong with Our Country?," with a note from mom and a highlighter over the paragraph referencing the song, "My Dad," which I had the honor to perform 37 years ago during my eight years on *The Donna Reed Show*.

Grandpa Cliff Gay is a life member of Post 79, Riverside, Calif., a Post his father helped build. Cliff and I see eye-to-eye on nearly everything, and he knew I would use the excuse of my inclusion in the article (unattributed to be sure) to continue the dialogue hinted when Bauer added President Lincoln's sentiments toward his mother.

I spent my entire teenage years portraying the "reel son" of Donna Reed, and I date the decline of our country's morality by the rise of the ridicule and

mockery of the values the fictional Stone Family portrayed, first by the emergent feminist movement and later by a negligent media.

In the early '60s, Donna Reed became a visible scapegoat and symbol for those whose personal agendas militantly opposed anything remotely upholding such things as standards, values, commitment, allegiance and respect. A well-groomed stay-at-home mom in the person of Donna Reed became the object of scorn from both the bra-burning feminists and Johnny Carson.

Never mind that Donna Reed was an Academy Award winning actress. Never mind that she was one of the first women in television to own her show. Never mind that she had four kids at home and, except for Lucille Ball, was the highest paid woman in television. Donna Reed was Super Woman before the term became fashionable, but she symbolized the very essence of the culture we're in danger of losing: the home-based, God-fearing nuclear family from which the next generation is born.

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Want to destroy a culture, a country, a civilization? Denigrate everything a father stands for and ridicule as unfulfilling the role of mother. Assign these vital roles to school and state, significant others and the media, and you've described "What went wrong with our country."

Please turn page

Magazine Wins Award

THE AMERICAN LEGION MAGAZINE was a winner in the 1994 National Mature Media Awards for its article, "The Final Salute: Where Heroes Rest" (May 1993), written by Managing Editor Miles Z. Epstein and designed by Art Director Simon Smith.

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*Paul Petersen
Gardena, Calif.*

What went wrong with America is lopsided salaries, an overworked and underpaid majority, corporate greed with zero respect for the laborer.

*Walter Kenna
Jacksonville, Fla.*

Bauer's excellent article was sad, yet it offered hope in the end. It gave us a resolve to do something about reviving our country's values.

*Rudy D'Addio
Phoenix, Ariz.*

Holocaust Memories

I think Leslie and Jeremy Milk did a wonderful job putting the article, "Witnesses to the Holocaust" (August), together. It is hard to believe that there are people today who do not believe it happened. There are many Germans who will never forget because they were forced to march to the camps and witness what was there. They cried that "we didn't know," but their eyes and noses assured them it was true.

I would also like to assure writer Gurney William III, that his article, "The Healing Power of Prayer," also in the August issue, will be read and re-read as it is passed around.

*Tim Suilelhan
Woburn, Mass.*

Thanks, Grandpa

I want to read you a letter that my 21-year-old grandson, a Marine stationed in California and a Paid-Up-For-Life Legion member, wrote to his grandfather after seeing D-Day stories on television.

"Dear Grandpa — As I watch the news on TV, I think about everything that I owe you and others like you. As a child on the Saturdays I spent at the Legion, I used to look at the pictures on the wall. I never fully understood what those pictures meant.

"Now, as a member of the Marine

Corps, I get a glimpse of what those pictures really mean. You, being in the Army, started a torch. You passed that on to uncle Phil and uncle Jack. I can only hope that by joining the Marines I can uphold the highest traditions and carry on that torch you started years ago. Again, thank you for what you did, not only on the battlefield, but also at home. I shall always be in your debt and honor you.

"Your loving grandson, Sean."

*Catherine Balantic
Lawrence, N.Y.*

GI Bill Kudos

I was very impressed with the story by Ken Scharnberg in the June issue ("The Writing of the GI Bill"). It was especially interesting to read about the desperate search for Congressman Gibson because my father, Rolfe E. Edmondson, was the *Atlanta Constitution* night editor who located Gibson. My father's efforts were recognized by an American Legion proclamation. I am very proud of this citation, because I was a beneficiary of the GI Bill.

*Rolfe E. Edmondson Jr.
Palm Coast, Fla.*

Women In Combat

You are going to get a lot of static from women's groups concerning James Brady's article, "No Job for a Woman" (May). The Navy is going full speed ahead with putting women on Navy combat vessels. When are we going to get somebody to stand up to the feminists and say, "Enough. This is the way it's going to be, whether you like it or not." Whether or not the Navy would be more efficient and battle ready should be the paramount concern, and not endeavoring to please any feminist movement.

*Jim McAlpine
Wheeling, W.Va.*

As I read "No Job for a Woman," I couldn't help but feel Brady is out of touch with today's military. When our country was at war in Operation Desert Storm, gender became unimportant. Here is how I lived during the Persian Gulf War:

After 19 hours of sitting in flight, I landed at 3 a.m. The outside temperature was 36 degrees, and I slept in a tent with no heat. It took our CO 21 days to figure out where we were going to set up our hospital. During the 21 days in Dhahran, the monsoon rains flooded us, the Scuds attacked us and the locals harassed the American women.

Water made our chemical suits ineffective against any agents in the Scud warheads. We had no showers for 11 days. With water and toilet paper rationing, constant sand storms, 100-plus degree weather, no tampons, no laundry, Scud attacks and sniper fire, I, too, became the animal within.

I pulled guard duty the night the ground war began. Even though I am an expert with a M-16 and grenades and have excellent soldiering skills, the fog of war created an indescribable fear in me. That night we took sniper fire and Scud attacks. My instincts took over.

I treated hundreds of POWs as a nurse and I wanted to overdose them with drugs and kill them to avenge the American soldiers who were wounded. Then came the bedouins and civilian Iraqis. Their limbs blown off, their bodies full of shrapnel and infection, delirious in pain, their hair with lice. My godly side appeared. I sat for hours with an Egyptian soldier while he was dying. He felt no pain, but I did. I held an 18-month-old Iraqi orphan who had a bullet in her buttock. I treated wounds of POWs who were glad we came, and I treated others who complained about the hot meals they were getting while I ate MREs [Meals Ready To Eat].

I carried hundreds of litters of wounded and dead until I could carry no more.

I was forced to take a series of what I believe to be experimental injections against biological warfare, with the threat of an Article 15 by the hospital CO hanging over me. My arm swelled with great pain. Also forced upon me was "anti-nerve gas pills" which made me very ill. I threw them away and took my chances. Diarrhea was never an issue for me as water poured out of

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**"I'm going to the bathroom
more than ever.
I wonder what's wrong
with me."**



Your urinary symptoms may be caused by a condition called benign prostate enlargement or BPH. BPH is not cancer and does not lead to cancer, although the two conditions can exist at the same time. Remember, only a doctor can

evaluate your symptoms and their possible causes.

Today, symptomatic BPH can be treated by your doctor in several ways. The options are monitoring the condition with regular checkups, surgery, or oral medicines. One oral medicine is

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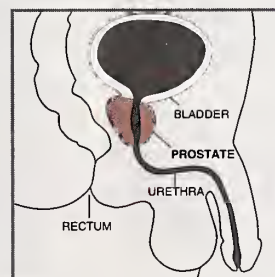
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Your doctor may prescribe PROSCAR if you have a medical condition called benign prostatic hyperplasia or BPH. This occurs only in men.

Please read this information, as well as the leaflet which accompanies your medication, before you start taking PROSCAR. Also, read the leaflet each time you renew your prescription, just in case anything has changed. Remember, this leaflet does not take the place of careful discussions with your doctor. You and your doctor should discuss PROSCAR when you start taking your medication and at regular checkups.

What is BPH?

BPH is an enlargement of the prostate gland. After age 50, most men develop enlarged prostates. The prostate is located below the bladder. As the prostate enlarges, it may slowly restrict the flow of urine. This can lead to symptoms such as:

- a weak or interrupted urinary stream
- a feeling that you cannot empty your bladder completely
- a feeling of delay or hesitation when you start to urinate
- a need to urinate often, especially at night
- a feeling that you must urinate right away.

Treatment options for BPH

There are three main treatment options for BPH:

- **Program of monitoring or "Watchful Waiting".** If a man has an enlarged prostate gland and no symptoms or if his symptoms do not bother him, he and his doctor may decide on a program of monitoring which would include regular checkups, instead of medication or surgery.
- **Medication.** Your doctor may prescribe PROSCAR for BPH. See "What PROSCAR does" below.
- **Surgery.** Some patients may need surgery. Your doctor can describe several different surgical procedures for BPH. Which procedure is best depends on your symptoms and medical condition.

What PROSCAR does

PROSCAR lowers levels of a key hormone called DHT (dihydrotestosterone), which is a major cause of prostate growth. Lowering DHT leads to shrinkage of the enlarged prostate gland in most men. This can lead to gradual improvement in urine flow and symptoms over the next several months. However, since each case of BPH is different, you should know that:

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What you need to know while taking PROSCAR

- **You must see your doctor regularly.** While taking PROSCAR, you must have regular checkups. Follow your doctor's advice about when to have these checkups.
- **About side effects.** Like all prescription drugs, PROSCAR may cause side effects. Side effects due to PROSCAR may include impotence (or inability to have an erection) and less desire for sex. Each of these side effects occurred in less than 4% of patients in clinical studies. In some cases side effects went away while the patient continued to take PROSCAR.

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• **Checking for prostate cancer.** Your doctor has prescribed PROSCAR for symptomatic BPH and not for cancer—but a man can have BPH and prostate cancer at the same time. Doctors usually recommend that men be checked for prostate cancer once a year when they turn 50 (or 40 if a family member has had prostate cancer). These checks should continue while you take PROSCAR. PROSCAR is not a treatment for prostate cancer.

• **About prostate specific antigen (PSA).** Your doctor may have done a blood test called PSA. PROSCAR can alter PSA values. For more information, talk to your doctor.

• A warning about PROSCAR and pregnancy.

PROSCAR is for use by MEN only.

PROSCAR is generally well tolerated in men. However, women who are pregnant, or women who could become pregnant, should avoid the active ingredient in PROSCAR.

If the active ingredient is absorbed by a woman who is pregnant with a male baby, it may cause the male baby to be born with abnormalities of the sex organs. Therefore, any woman who is pregnant or who could become pregnant must not come into direct contact with the active ingredient in PROSCAR.

Two of the ways in which a woman might absorb the active ingredient in PROSCAR are:

Sexual contact. Your semen may contain a small amount of the active ingredient of the drug. If your partner is pregnant, or if you and your partner decide to have a baby, you must stop taking PROSCAR and talk to your doctor. If your partner could become pregnant, proper use of a condom can reduce the risk of exposing her to your semen (discuss this further with your doctor).

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How to take PROSCAR

Follow your doctor's advice about how to take PROSCAR. You must take it every day. You may take it with or between meals. To avoid forgetting to take PROSCAR, it may be helpful to take it the same time every day.

Do not share PROSCAR with anyone else; it was prescribed only for you.

Keep PROSCAR and all medicines out of the reach of children.

FOR MORE INFORMATION ABOUT PROSCAR AND BPH, TALK WITH YOUR DOCTOR. IN ADDITION, TALK TO YOUR PHARMACIST OR OTHER HEALTH CARE PROVIDER.



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Marsha L. Young
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Spirit Of Thanks

Thank you very much for including the address, "The Spirit of Liberty," by Judge Learned Hand (July). I am a disabled veteran of World War II. This article brought tears to my eyes.

Gerald D. Clark
Knoxville, Tenn.

Father Of Flag Day

The article by Ray Mahon, "Where Flag Day Was Born," (June) credits Dr. Bernard J. Cigrand as the "Father of Flag Day." Not true. While Dr. Cigrand was an early and ardent promoter of Flag Day, the honor belongs to Jonathan Flynt Morris of Hartford, Conn.

Unless earlier evidence is found, Jonathan Flynt Morris, who recommended a Flag Day holiday in 1861, must receive the credit as "Father of Flag Day." Cigrand's legend gained credence because he lived well into the 20th Century, long after Morris and other early promoters had passed on.

Carl F. Bessent
Baltimore

Editors note: Success has many fathers. In addition to Cigrand and Morris, William T. Kerr of Philadelphia and Joseph H. Hart of Allentown, Pa., also campaigned for Flag Day observances and have followers who support their claim to the title. But the *World Book Encyclopedia* only mentions Cigrand and Kerr as "early leaders of campaigns to establish Flag Day." □

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SHOULD THE UNITED STATES TAKE MILITARY ACTION TO RESTORE DEMOCRACY IN HAITI?

Sen. Bob Graham (D-Florida)

I returned from a two-day trip to Haiti in June, convinced that current U.S. policy is fatally flawed. Without a mid-course correction, we will not achieve our goal of returning President Jean-Bertrand Aristide to power.

YES



International sanctions designed to pressure Haiti's economic elite into ousting military rulers are not working, and Aristide's followers not only support, but invite military intervention.

Indicators of the embargo's ineffectiveness include:

- Gasoline and other key imports continue to flood the country in spite of the embargo.
- The military is getting rich off both the contraband market and illegal drug transshipments.
- The embargo is destroying an already weak economy ravaged by political unrest. Unemployment is 50 percent and rising. Nationwide hunger is also increasing.

In addition to embargo violations, horrific human rights abuses are taking place in Haiti. From February to May, there were reports of 295 murders, 91 abductions and 66 rapes committed by armed thugs against Haitian citizens.

The situation in Haiti is critical. The United States and the international community must now abandon the embargo and deal with the brutal military dictators, or we can aggressively seek to restore President Aristide.

I believe the United States has a vital interest in restoring Aristide and democracy to Haiti. If we are to achieve our goal, our current sanctions policy should be seen as part of broader four-step strategy:

- Economic sanctions and political isolation should continue, but only for a limited time.
- A U.S. military force, in a multilateral or, if necessary, unilateral effort, should oust the dictatorship from power and then withdraw and be replaced by international peacekeepers.
- Peacekeepers should remain in Haiti for the time required to assist Aristide in the transition to democracy.
- Aristide must immediately implement political and economic reforms designed to bring stability to Haiti.

Sanctions have not been effective in forcing Haiti's dictatorship out of power. We must move beyond our current strategy and take necessary action to restore President Aristide and democracy to Haiti. ☐

Rep. Doug Bereuter (R-Nebraska)



NO

The Clinton administration is presently considering using U.S. troops to restore exiled President Jean-Bertrand Aristide to power in Haiti. Such an act would be an invasion, and it would be a terrible error.

I have no doubt that U.S. military forces, even the dramatically "downsized" military of the Clinton administration, can easily execute an invasion of this small island nation. But the President has yet to offer a clear and persuasive reason why such a military action is in our national interest.

Indeed, it is clear that the decision of whether or not to invade Haiti is being driven largely by domestic politics. Yes, we should have great concern for the suffering people in Haiti, whose suffering has been made much worse by the U.S. embargo. However, U.S. foreign policy should not be dictated by such politics.

It is one thing to oppose the ruling military junta. It is entirely another matter to suggest that we should put our military might behind the return of the ousted Haitian president. Aristide may have been democratically elected, but it is clear he is no democrat. There is hard evidence that as Haiti's president, he repeatedly incited mob violence and publicly supported the "necklacing" of political opponents. If we forcibly return him to power, we must also accept responsibility for his future actions.

Bringing peace to the island and governing it could prove costly and very difficult. Having returned Aristide to power, we would be forced to protect him from his many enemies. The last time we were involved in Haiti, early in this century, it took us 19 years to get out.

Can order be restored in Haiti without a U.S. military invasion? I believe the answer is yes. To begin with, we need to end the economic embargo that has caused so much suffering to the poorest Haitians, but has not affected the ruling junta. I believe that the junta can be encouraged to retire to a more comfortable life in exile.

Rebuilding Haiti will require a concerted effort from the United Nations and the Organization of American States,

including supervision of free elections. But under no circumstances does such a humanitarian effort justify military action. An invasion of Haiti is not in the best interest of the United States. ☐

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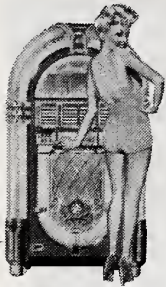
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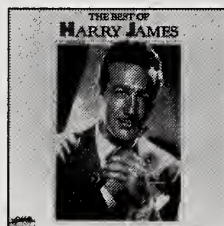
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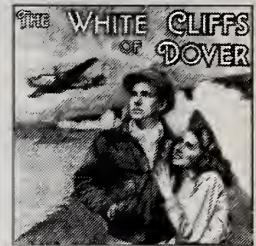
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Costly Free Speech

A group of conservatives and liberals calling themselves the Free Speech Coalition (FSC) say Congress is considering legislation that will "crush" nonprofit advocacy organizations by making it extremely difficult for them to attract new members or raise funds from their members. At stake, according to the FSC, is the constitutional right to petition Congress and mobilize grassroots Americans to contact elected officials.

The FSC, which includes the Fund for a Feminist Majority, the Southern Poverty Law Center and the American Conservative Union, says Congress is threatening to eliminate reduced postal rates for nonprofits, require detailed reports on nonprofit lobbying, and force advocacy organizations to identify major donors.

The FSC has a litigation committee already considering legal action against what it views as unfair and onerous state laws regulating charitable solicitations.

A 'Sonny' Speaker?

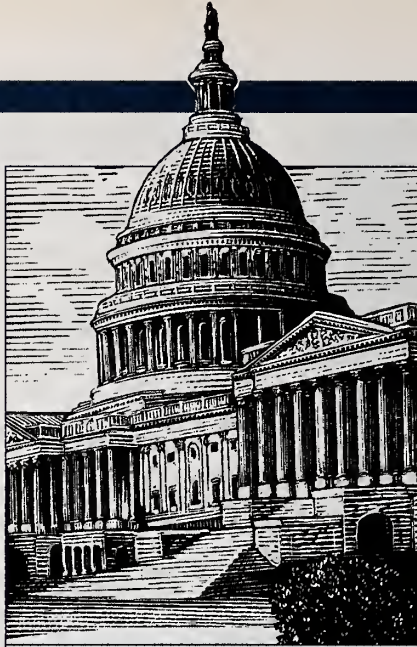
Speculation is mounting that if Republican congressmen pick up a large number of seats in the November elections — but not enough for an outright majority — Mississippi Representative G.V. "Sonny" Montgomery could be a compromise choice for Speaker of the House. Capitol Hill pundits say this would hinge on southern Democrats joining with the GOP to re-establish a conservative coalition. Montgomery, chairman of the House Veterans Affairs Committee, is facing a tough re-election fight. A Montgomery spokesman says, however, that the congressman expects to back the current Speaker, Rep. Thomas Foley of Washington.

The spokesman quoted the congressman as saying, "Speaker Foley has been very good to me and I'll support him no matter what."

AIDS Test Lawsuit

Increasing concern about the unreliability of AIDS tests could lead to product liability lawsuits against HIV test manufacturers. Potential plaintiffs include people falsely diagnosed as

Washington-based Cliff Kincaid writes for Human Events and other publications.



WASHINGTON WATCH

By Cliff Kincaid

HIV-positive.

Evidence of the unreliability of the ELISA HIV antibody screening test and the Western blot test was published in the June issue of *BioTechnology* by three Australian researchers.

They indicated that the protein thought to be synonymous with HIV infection is actually found in a number of conditions completely unrelated to AIDS.

Phillip E. Johnson, a law professor at the University of California, Berkeley, says suits could be filed on the basis that the tests are defective or falsely labeled and advertised.

Johnson also questions the scientific evidence linking HIV to AIDS. He is a founding member of the Group for the Scientific Reappraisal of the HIV/AIDS Hypothesis, which numbers several hundred doctors, scientists and researchers.

Hong Kong Or Cuba?

A former top adviser to President Bush on African affairs says American companies will lose their shirts if they invest in South Africa. Though South Africa is being advertised as the "next Hong Kong," former National Security Council staffer William Lloyd Stearman says the key people around President Nelson Mandela are hard-core

Marxists who favor nationalization of domestic and foreign industries.

Stearman believes that Inkatha Freedom Party leader Mangosuthu Buthelezi, a Mandela opponent now the Minister of Home Affairs in the new government, will eventually be squeezed out or quit in disgust. He also predicts that Mandela will be succeeded by someone far more radical, deputy president Thabo Mbeki.

For Fathers

The push for welfare reform should receive a big boost from a National Summit On Fatherhood scheduled in Dallas late this month.

Sponsored by the National Fatherhood Initiative, the summit features such speakers as Vice President Al Gore. Figures show 95 percent of families on welfare are headed by single mothers, many of them receiving state benefits for having children out of wedlock.

The summit will follow the release of a provocative book, *Fatherless America*, by David Blankenhorn. The book says fatherless families are the root cause of poverty, violence, drug addiction, delinquency and crime.

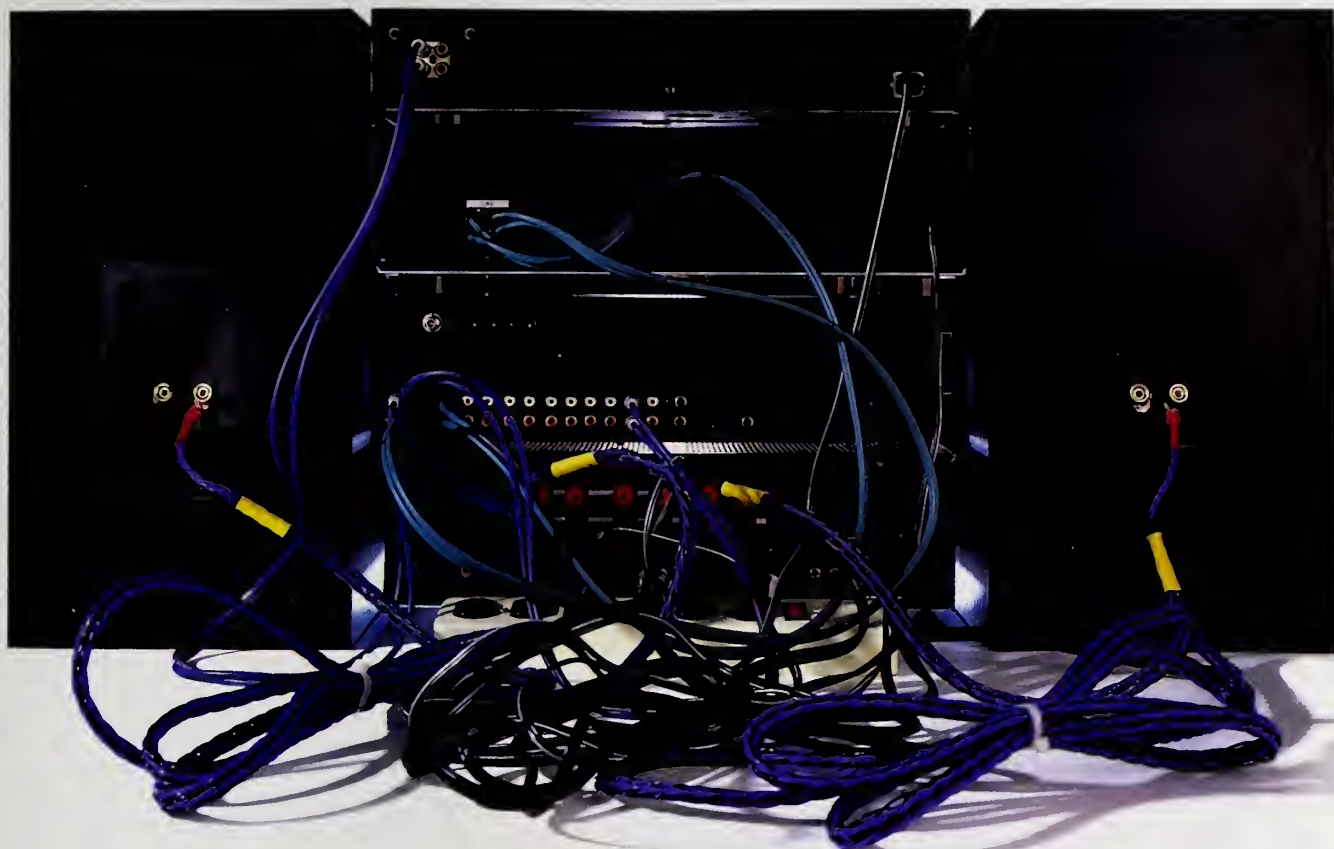
CIA Trouble

CIA Director R. James Woolsey, fighting off calls to abolish his agency, is now having to defend the track record of his Deputy Director for Intelligence, Douglas MacEachin, a former analyst in the agency's Soviet Affairs Bureau.

William T. Lee, a former CIA and Defense Intelligence Agency official, says MacEachin is among a group of analysts who underestimated the Soviet military's share of Soviet gross national product by nearly a factor of three.

He says the CIA's official estimate of the Soviet military's share of GNP never rose above 15 percent, and was down to 12 percent by 1991. However, disclosures from the Soviets themselves later put the figure at 33 percent or more.

The Center for Security Policy, headed by former Pentagon official Frank Gaffney, says similar errors are now being made under MacEachin's direction, as the agency tailors its briefings to "coincide" with administration policy on issues involving North Korea, China and Russia. □



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HELP—Dept. Service Officer Dan O'Sullivan reviews a claim with Vietnam veteran Thaddeus Shaw.

The government says no one really cares. But the Legion does. It continues to fight for veterans suffering from dioxin exposure.

THE VIETNAM war ended for Michael Landesman in June 1994. "It's hard to say which was tougher," says Chet Stellar, the Chairman of the Legion's Veterans Affairs and Rehabilitation Commission. "The battles he fought as a Army infantryman, his fight against the cancers that eventually killed him, or his struggle with the Department of Veterans Affairs [VA] to get medical treatment and compensation for his service-connected exposure to Agent Orange."

Stellar cites the Landesman case as a glaring example of a war the Legion has waged for 20 years with the federal government, particularly VA.

Landesman first sought VA help almost a decade ago, but benefits were denied repeatedly. As his condition and the pain worsened, his mother, Judy, carried on for him. After

writing and phoning congressmen and anyone else she could think of, she finally contacted The American Legion. During that time, the 73-year-old widow went back to work to help support her dying son.

Department Service Officer Dan O'Sullivan of New York took up Landesman's case. After contacting Landesman's private physicians and getting corroborating testimony from experts in New York medical colleges, O'Sullivan got VA to finally relent and grant Landesman service-connected compensation and medical treatment for his cancers — less than a year before he died.

Landesman's case is by no means unique. Thousands of Vietnam veterans have unsuccessfully battled the red tape and bureaucracy to get help over the past 20 years.

"Even as the last helicopter lifted from the embassy roof in Saigon in April 1975, The American Legion was

already investigating reports that some Vietnam veterans were contracting rare cancers and their children were being born with life-threatening birth defects," says National Commander William Detweiler. "In our American Legion-Columbia University study, we found that a defoliant called Agent Orange was linked to these problems."

The study directly linked dozens of diseases to dioxin, the deadly contaminant found in Agent Orange, and indicated a possible connection with many more diseases. In spite of the overwhelming evidence, the federal government refused to accept the study's findings.

As the data against Agent Orange grew and the number of victims mounted, the Legion finally persuaded the government to admit that incidents of non-Hodgkin's lymphoma, chloracne and soft-tissue sarcoma were extraordinarily high among Vietnam veterans. As a result, the Agent Orange Act

of 1991 was passed granting service-connected compensation for those diseases. Earlier in 1990, the federal government refused to accept Agent Orange as the cause of the ailments. It, instead, said illnesses were linked to service in Viet-

nam.

Compiling data from dozens of other studies, the National Academy of Sciences (NAS) in 1993 convinced VA to increase its list of compensable ailments. The added diseases were multiple myeloma, Hodgkin's disease, porphyria cutanea tarda and respiratory cancers of the lung, bronchus, larynx and trachea. Most important, VA did finally admit the cause of the ailments was exposure to Agent Orange. Yet the list is far from complete.

West Virginia Sen. John "Jay" Rockefeller, Chairman of the Senate Veterans Affairs Committee, expressed his surprise and anger that prostate cancer was not included. The Legion echoed his concern and also protested VA Secretary Jesse Brown's decision not to include peripheral neuropathy. The disease, which affects the nervous system, had been approved by VA earlier, and was only waiting for guidelines to be established before it would become effective.

Although guidelines for the other diseases were completed early this

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LEARNING TO LEAD

Successful managers don't need rows of sharp teeth to swim with the sharks. Here are 25 common sense, often-forgotten, tips for good leadership.

By Perry M. Smith

ON SPEAKING to large audiences on leadership, I am often asked to do the impossible. In less than an hour's time, I am expected to motivate them to improve their skills, inspire them to be better leaders and to acquaint them with the new technologies and concepts.

To cover all these points in the time allotted, I have come up with "25 Blazing Flashes Of The Obvious" about leadership. Here they are:

1. Know Yourself

All leaders should realize they are, in fact, five or more people. They are who they are, and who they think they are (and these are never quite the same); they are who their bosses think they are; who their peers think they are; and who their subordinates think they are.

Leaders who work hard to get

Retired Air Force Gen. Perry M. Smith, a CNN military analyst and author, is an international lecturer on leadership. His company, Visionary Leadership, trains executives.



SERVE, DON'T HUMOR THE BOSS

Simply making the boss happy is not what leadership is about.

feedback from many sources are more likely to understand and control their various selves, and hence be better leaders.

2. Develop Mental Toughness

Leaders must be brutally honest with themselves or they will slip into the terrible habit of self-deception. Even the best leaders make mistakes. By smoking out these mistakes and correcting them quickly, a good leader can become a superb one.

3. Be Magnanimous

Leaders who share their power and their time can accomplish extraordi-

nary things. The best leaders understand that leadership is the liberation of talent; hence they gain power not only by constantly giving it away, but also by not grabbing it back.

4. Squint With Your Ears

The most important skill for leaders is listening. Introverts have a great edge, since they tend to listen quietly and usually don't suffer from being an "interruptaholic." Leaders should "squint with their ears." Too many bosses are thinking what they will say next, rather than hearing what is being said.

5. Learn By Failure

In my professional career, I have learned much more from my failures than from my successes. As a result, I have become tolerant of the honest failures of others. When a major setback comes along, try to treat it as a marvelous learning experience, for most certainly it will be just that.

6. Protect Innovators

For three years I had a Medal of Honor recipient from Vietnam, Army Col. Jack Jacobs, working for me. He is by far the most innovative person I have ever known. Well over 50 percent of his ideas were awful, but buried among these bad ideas was an occasional pearl of great wisdom. I learned that I

had to protect Jack and my organization from his bad ideas while encouraging him to present all his ideas, so we could use his great ones.

7. Be Decisive

Top leaders usually must make prudent decisions when they only have about 60 percent of the information they need. Leaders who demand nearly all the information are usually months or years late making decisions.

8. Don't Become Indispensable

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SQUINT WITH YOUR EARS

Listen closely to what's being said, instead of thinking what to say next.

Leaders should not allow themselves to become indispensable, nor should they let any of their subordinates do so.

9. Avoid The Cowardice Of Silence

During meetings, so-called leaders often sit on their hands when it is time to raise a hand and speak up. Leadership requires courage — courage to make waves, courage to take on your bosses when they are wrong, and the courage of convictions. Every Robert E. Lee needs a James Longstreet to tell him exactly the way it is.

10. Be Goal Oriented

Leaders, even at a lower level, must try to set some long-term goals for their people and for their organization. People want to know where they are going and in what order of priority.

11. Beware Of The Paul Principle

Too many leaders allow themselves to slowly slide downhill in competence. When they lose touch with the issues, the new technologies and the people, they have fallen victim to what I call the Paul Principle.

The future is coming fast. Leaders need to think about the future and prepare their people for it. To keep a close eye on the future, join the World Future Society and read three magazines regularly — *Business Week*, *The Futurist* and *Technology Review*.

ish the ones that do, for they will help you grow and prosper as a leader.

13. Thank The Invisible People

There are lots of fine people doing great work who seldom get thanks because they are "invisible." They work so quietly and so competently that they often are not noticed by the leader.

14. Serve, Don't Humor The Boss

Too many leaders see their big tasks as keeping their bosses happy, getting to the bottom of the in-box or staying out of trouble. That is not what leadership is all about. Leadership is serving the mission and serving your people.

15. Criticize Up, Praise Down

Leaders must deflect at least some of the bad guidance they get from above. It is being loyal to your boss and to the institution you serve to tell the bosses when they are wearing no clothes?

16. Be Physically Fit

Everyone has a "health age." If you exercise regularly and watch your diet, you can make yourself four or five years younger than your chrono-

logical age.

17. Develop Solid Leadership Skills

The best leaders in business, the nonprofit sector and government are superb at time management and are competent in speed reading, personal computers, dictation skills and the use of manual and electronic brainstorming techniques.

18. Help Your People Understand You

When you take over a new organization, get your key people together and tell them what your top priorities and your pet peeves are. It is especially important for them to learn very early what really bugs you. They will appreciate your candor.

19. Smoke Out Those Of Low Integrity

Leaders must sniff the air constantly to ensure high standards of ethics are maintained. In almost all large organizations, someone is walking out the back door with something. Expense accounts, personnel records, training reports and contracts need regular scrutiny.

20. Concentrate On Performance, Not Just Results.

How you get results is important. Leaders who don't concern themselves about the process and the performance that leads to the results are making a big mistake. Always ask yourself what it took to gain those great results.

21. Maintain A Sense Of Outrage

There are many super-cool managers who worry too much about keeping the bosses happy. As a result, they never allow themselves to be outraged when the system is doing serious damage to those who work for them. The best leaders get mad occasionally, and using controlled outrage, they can often make right any wrongs that are levied upon their people.

22. Beware Of Intimidation

Be very careful here. Some bosses allow themselves to be intimidated by outsiders, by their bosses and even by their subordinates. An intimidated boss can never be a great leader. You have to have an independent mind to

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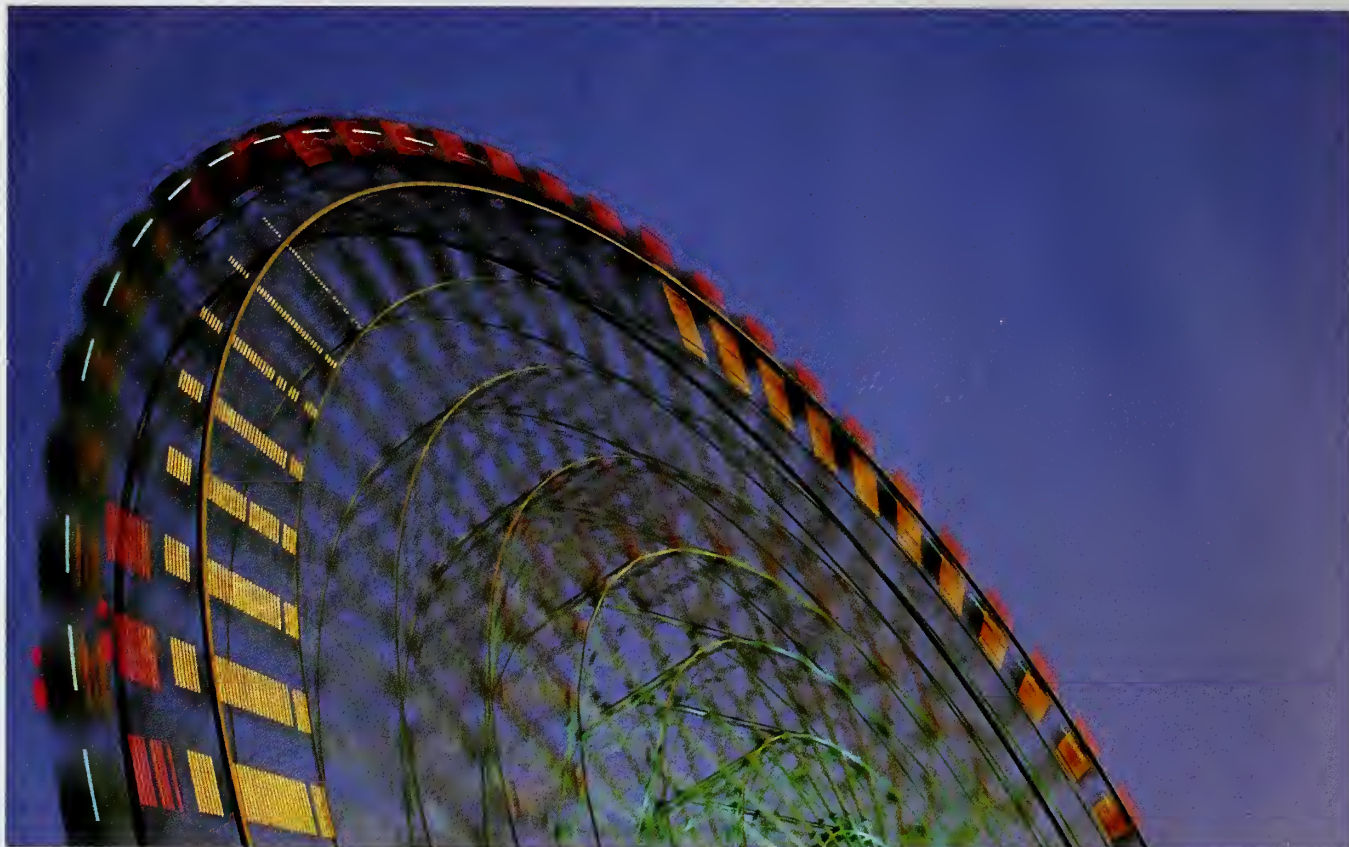
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By T. Douglas Donaldson

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ROBERT KLIPSTINE

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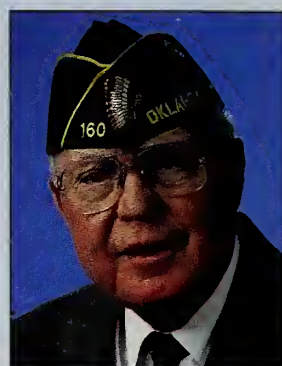
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TOM SMITH

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tive bodies. (For a list of current Alliance members, see "America Supports The Flag Amendment," Page 25.)

The meeting in Washington was organized by The American Legion after its National Executive Committee approved Resolution 26, authorizing

the creation of the Citizens Flag Alliance, Inc. A separate, independent entity from the Legion, the Alliance at once sought to include as many other diverse organizations as possible. The Resolution also authorized the Citizens Flag Alliance as a Legion program.

Over the summer, 63 other groups joined the movement.

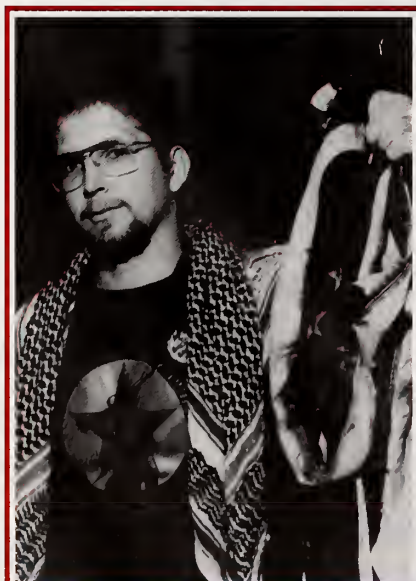
Moose International voted on Flag Day during its Las Vegas convention to become a member of the Alliance. Representatives of the 1.8 million members greeted passage of the resolution with a standing ovation and by singing *God Bless America*.

"The Citizens Flag Alliance is not just veterans," says Bob Elliott, Moose International's director of development and community service. "We're families, service clubs, business and professional groups who all love and support the Flag."

Members of the Alliance represent all walks of life. They belong to religiously affiliated groups, such as the Knights of Columbus, educational organizations, such as the National Federation of State High School Associations, and labor unions, such as

Laborers' International Union of North America.

To coordinate this national grassroots effort, Citizens Flag Alliance committees have been set up in most states. Each is providing citizens with information about petition drives and letter-writing and phone-call cam-



ENFLAMED—The Supreme Court said Gregory Johnson's flag burning was protected by the First Amendment.



FOR FALLEN BROTHERS—Post 44 of Bantam, Conn., uses the Flag at burial ceremonies to honor fellow veterans.

T. Douglas Donaldson is assistant editor of THE AMERICAN LEGION MAGAZINE.

"We have to resort to an amendment. How else do we stop the desecration of the symbol of what we stand for?"

—Barney Barnum, Congressional Medal of Honor Society

paings to senators and representatives.

The committees' first goal is to convince two-thirds of the Senate and House (67 senators, 290 representatives) to send a constitutional amend-

ment to the states for ratification. The Alliance is focusing its first efforts on the Senate in the 104th Congress, which convenes in January.

The Alliance committees' next job

will be to convince three quarters of the state legislatures (38 states) to approve the amendment.

An Indianapolis office has been donated by the Legion to coordinate this national movement. The address is 5561 W. 74th St., Indianapolis, IN 46268.

In preparation for taking this issue to Congress and the states, the Alliance sponsored a constitutional scholars conference in Williamsburg, Va., in late August. At the conference, constitutional experts debated the amendment and developed its language.

Since the conference, more organizations have joined what Legion Past National Commander John Geiger describes as "a big, red-white-and-blue tent" that is bringing many diverse groups together in the largest patriotic movement the nation has seen in some time. Among its members are corporations such as MBNA bank, Fox Associates, Inc., a Chicago-based publishers' representative, plus military wives' groups and many veterans' organizations.

"The flag is a special symbol to each
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America Supports The Flag Amendment

The Citizens Flag Alliance represents a broad-based range of Americans who want to see the Flag protected with a constitutional amendment. As of August, 65 organizations representing more than 25 million members have joined the Alliance.

ORGANIZATION	MEMBERSHIP	ORGANIZATION	MEMBERSHIP
AMVETS	200,000	National Guard Association of the United States	60,000
African-American Women's Clergy Association	7,500	National Officers Association (NOA)	24,000
Air Force Association	175,000	National Organization of World War Nurses	300
Air Force Sergeants Association	167,000	National Service Star Legion	650
Alliance of Women Veterans	3,000	National Vietnam Veterans Coalition	350,000
American GI Forum of the U.S., Founding Chapter	20,000	Native Daughters of the Golden West	9,700
The American Legion	3.2 million	Native Sons of the Golden West	13,500
American Legion Auxiliary	975,000	Non-Commissioned Officers Ass'n	160,000
American Merchant Marine Veterans	6,000	PAC Pennsylvania Eastern Division	50,000
American War Mothers	1,350	Polish American Congress	3,000
Ancient Order of Hibernians	191,000	Polish Army Veterans Association	7,000
Association of the United States Army	120,000	Polish Falcons of America	31,000
Baltic Women's Council	1,500	Polish Falcons of America—District II	2,500
Benevolent & Protective Order of Elks	1.3 million	Polish Home Army	1,000
Congressional Medal of Honor Society	191	Polish National Alliance	257,000
Czech Catholic Union	5,300	Polish National Union	30,000
Czechoslovak Christian Democracy	400	Polish Roman Catholic Union of North America	90,000
Fleet Reserve Association	170,000	Polish Scouting Organization, USA	3,000
Gold Star Wives of America Inc.	8,000	Polish Western Association	100
Grand Lodge of Masons in Oklahoma	40,359	Polish Women's Alliance	65,000
Hungarian Association	400	Scottish Rite of Freemasonry—Northern Masonic Jurisdiction	375,000
Hungarian Reformed Federation of America	18,000	Scottish Rite of Freemasonry—Southern Jurisdiction	530,000
Knights of Columbus	1.5 million	The Orchard Lakes Schools	650
Korean American Association of Greater Washington	10,000	The Retired Enlisted Association	60,000
Laborers' International Union of N.A.	700,000	The Travelers Protective Association	155,000
Marine Corps Reserve Officers Association	6,000	The Uniformed Services Association (TUSA)	15,000
Military Order of the Purple Heart of the USA	29,000	U.S. Pan Asian American Chamber of Commerce	700
Moose International	1.8 million	Ukrainian Gold Cross	800
National Alliance of Families	10,000	Women's Overseas Service League	1,200
National Association of Uniformed Services	156,000	Woodmen of the World	1 million
National Federation of State High School Associations	11 million		
National Grange	300,000		

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How You Can Join The Citizens Flag Alliance

YOU, your Post or any other organization you belong to can join the Citizens Flag Alliance by calling:

1-800-424-FLAG
1-800-424-3524

When you call this toll-free number, you will be given the opportunity to donate to the campaign or to request that information be sent to you. ☐

Why We Must Protect The U.S. Flag

• "The Flag is the unique symbol of our country. It deserves better than to be defaced in so-called political expression."

AMERICAN LEGION MAGAZINE: Why is it so important to protect the U.S. Flag?

NATIONAL COMMANDER DETWEILER:

The Flag is the symbol of America. Other countries have a common language, ethnic background or thousands of years of history to unite them. But we are united by just one symbol, the Flag. It symbolizes America's unique and precious ideal of "justice and liberty for all."

Many Americans gave their lives for that ideal. Therefore, the Flag must be protected; it's what the people want. In Gallup surveys in 1989 and 1994, more than 80 percent of Americans indicated they supported a constitutional amendment to protect the Flag. Also, the Legion's campaign to get states to pass memorializing resolutions to protect the Flag has succeeded in 44 states — that represents 94 percent of the U.S. population. This sort of consensus is a mandate for action.

And a Flag amendment won't cost the taxpayer a cent.

Q. Why is an amendment to the U.S. Constitution needed? What about a law?

A. Because of the Supreme Court decision, no law Congress or the states pass will protect the Flag. Only an amendment to the Constitution can do that. Up until June 1989, 48 states and the federal government had laws that protected the Flag from desecration. All of those laws were made invalid by the Supreme Court.



WILLIAM M. DETWEILER
National Commander



**Citizens
Flag
Alliance, Inc.**

There is no question the Flag is worth this historic effort. Our Flag draped the coffins of our heroes. The U.S. Flag is given to families of those who have died for this country. The Flag is the unique symbol of our country. It deserves better than to be defaced in so-called "political expression."

Q. Who is joining the Legion in this fight?

A. Legionnaires, you are not alone. In addition to the strong Legion family of the Auxiliary and Sons of The American Legion, there are a lot of other organizations that have passed resolutions in support of Flag protection. (See "America Supports The Flag Amendment," Page 25.) Together, these groups form the Citizens Flag Alliance, Inc.

After the Senate failed to pass an amendment in the wake of the *Texas v. Johnson* case, the Legion pushed memorializing resolutions to protect the Flag through individual state legislatures. We are now being joined by a large alliance of American civic and fraternal groups, and a number of national organizations, labor unions and private citizens who want to get an amendment through Congress. The Citizens Flag Alliance, Inc. will have an impact.

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Q. If the Senate failed to pass a Flag amendment three years ago, why would it vote to pass one now?

A. There are several reasons why an amendment didn't pass.

First, although the majority of Americans supported a Flag amendment, they were not organized in their efforts to contact Congress.

Second, the issue got polarized along political party lines. That should never happen. The Flag is not Republican or Democrat, conservative or liberal. It is important to all Americans. The Citizens Flag Alliance campaign is pressing an issue that every member of Congress can get behind. If they believe in America and all the good it has done, they will be with us.

Q. When will Congress address the issue again?

A. There is a chance for it to be seriously debated this session, but if Congress does not pass an amendment this year, it will have to deal with the Citizens Flag Alliance next year, when it's even larger, and the year after, and the year after that. We will persevere.

What the Citizens Flag Alliance will do is let elected members of Congress know that this is a priority issue with the majority of Americans. Congress will have to deal with the issue when we, the voters, hold their feet to the fire.

Q. What do you say to those who argue that a Flag protection amendment jeopardizes free speech?

A. We fully support the Bill of Rights and particularly the right of free speech. Physical abuse of our nation's Flag has nothing to do with free speech. You can say anything you want about the Flag, the Constitution and our nation's leaders. What the Citizens Flag Alliance wants to

do is protect the U.S. Flag from purposeful acts of mutilation, defacement, trampling or burning.

A physical *act* should not be confused with speech.

For example, saying you drive over the posted speed limit does not make you guilty of a traffic crime, but actual speeding does. Equally, freedom of speech is no defense for exceeding the speed limits.

Even freedom of speech is not absolute. There are appropriate laws that make certain speech punishable if they libel or slander someone. It is a felony to make a verbal threat against the President, or even to jokingly say there is a bomb on an airliner. The Federal Communications Commission restricts certain types of language on public airways. And the classic freedom of speech prohibi-

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FLORIDA PHOTOBANK

FOR THEM—An amendment that protects the Flag from physical desecration is a gift to future generations.



SIDE OF JUSTICE—

Wyatt Earp with his brothers Virgil (right) and Morgan (left) fought alongside "Doc" Holliday (center) in the famous gunfight at the O.K. Corral.

ILLUSTRATION BY SAL CATALANO

ON THE TRAIL OF Wyatt Earp

Tracking down where the famous gunslinger was buried reveals a surprising final chapter in the life and loves of this Old West hero.

By Larry Tritten

YEARS AGO I'd heard from someone or read somewhere that Wyatt Earp is buried in Colma, a few miles south of San Francisco. It was a provocative bit of trivia, so one day a while back I decided to check it out.

You would expect that one of the most famous figures in the history of the Old West would have ended up as part of the landscape that spawned his legend.

In Wyatt Earp's case, this would mean Dodge City, Wichita, or more appropriately, Tombstone.

The mind conjures up an image of a simple headstone on Boot Hill in Tombstone, not far from the most memorable marker in that graveyard, which reads:

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HERE LIES
LESTER MOORE
FOUR SLUGS
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NO LES NO MORE

As a boy, I watched Wyatt Earp gun down, pistol whip and give bare-knuckle beatings to legions of outlaws and romance plenty of clear-eyed frontier beauties in countless movies and TV shows. Wyatt Earp...just saying the name now, even with the hindsight of adult skepticism, stirs up that old childhood wonder.

It is also why, after all these years, I found myself on my way to Colma looking for the final word in the Wyatt Earp story. Colma is a necropolis, the place where San Francisco's dead have been buried since 1914. Take the freeway south past the Serramonte shopping center and you'll come to Colma, where several cemeteries line both sides of El Camino Real.

A friend and I randomly picked out a cemetery office and asked if they could tell us where Wyatt Earp was buried. After a couple office stops, we were told to try the Hills of Eternity cemetery. Pulling up to the entrance, we read the sign:

HILLS OF ETERNITY
PORTALS OF ETERNITY
GARDENS OF ETERNITY
TEMPLE SHERITH
ISRAEL

I was surprised that it was an exclusive Jewish cemetery.

At the end of the driveway are hundreds or maybe thousands of headstones and monuments stretching back along a low slope. We got

out of the car and were quickly noticed by an old-timer sitting nearby in a station wagon. After watching us look indecisively at the countless stones for a few moments, he called, "You boys looking for Wyatt Earp?"

We said that we were, and he gave us directions on how to locate the grave about a 100 yards up the slope directly ahead of us. He introduced himself as the foreman.

"Do many people come out here looking for him?" I asked.

"Oh, yes, five or six a week," he said. "There are always people, all kinds of cowboys come out looking for his grave. He's the most visited man in Colma."

We walked up the hill past the green plots and headstones and monuments of every size. Then his name caught my eye. It was on one of three flat metal plaques set in cement and sharing the same plot. The plaques seemed so small and inconspicuous among the other headstones and monuments. Carved on the plaques were:

WYATT EARP
1848 - 1929
JOSEPHINE EARP
1864 - 1944
MAX WEISS
1870 - 1947

Wyatt Earp is buried in a Jewish cemetery surrounded by tombstones adorned with stone doves, Stars of David and Menorahs, amid a sprinkling of different types of Northern California palm trees.

All my life I had never given any thought to his ethnic background but now I found myself wondering if Earp is a Jewish name — or was his wife Jewish?

And who was Max Weiss, the man buried beside them? Despite much research, neither I nor others fascinat-

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How the media endangers our society

Screens of Violence



The evidence is in front of our eyes. Children's violence is directly linked to what they see in movies and on TV, says this psychiatrist and past president of the National Coalition of Television Violence.

OVER 1,800 acts of mayhem and violence will be committed in American homes today — all on TV's little screen, says the Center for Media and Public Affairs. A typical child will watch 8,000 murders and 100,000 acts of violence before finishing elementary school, according to a 1992 estimate by the American Psychological Association. Still more violence is committed in films like *Terminator II* and shown unedited on cable TV in millions of American homes.

Is this just play-acting, or is media violence really trig-

gering real-life violence?

"Every act of violence committed today is influenced at least in part by violent movies and TV shows," says Dr. Carole Lieberman, a Beverly Hills psychiatrist. Lieberman is past chairwoman of the National Coalition on Television Violence, a nonprofit watchdog group, and has served as a script consultant for several TV shows. An adjunct professor at UCLA, she is also co-founder of HOPE (Hollywood Organizes for Positive Entertainment).

"People are taking in thousands of scenes of gore. Little by little it affects them, and the level of aggression in our society keeps mounting," says Lieberman, in this interview with *THE AMERICAN LEGION MAGAZINE*.

AMERICAN LEGION MAGAZINE: Isn't movie and TV violence just fantasy? Why do you say watching it causes real-life violence?

CAROLE LIEBERMAN: There is no doubt that watching violence in the media causes people to become more aggressive and desensitized to violence. Thousands of studies have come to the same conclusion: The more media

violence people are exposed to, the more likely they are to become aggressive and violent themselves.

Hollywood reminds me of the tobacco industry. No matter how many studies show that cigarettes cause cancer, the tobacco industry people simply deny it, even though they have no significant research to prove it.

That is exactly what entertainment industry executives are doing. It's as if saying, "it's not so," will make it go away. But there is no question in my mind that every act of violence committed today is influenced at least in part by violent movies and TV shows.

Q. What proof do we have?

A. At the University of Michigan, for example, Leonard Eron tracked the impact of TV violence on a group of 875 men and women for more than 20 years — from the time they were 8 years old until they reached 30. His research proves that the more these kids watched violent TV as they grew older, the more they became involved in real-life crime, drugs, wife-battering, and so on.

All the research agrees. As far back as 1982, the U.S. Surgeon General concluded there was a clear consensus among researchers that TV violence leads to aggressive behavior. There no longer is any debate: The evidence is in.

Q. But many in the Baby Boom generation grew up watching *The Untouchables*, *Wanted: Dead or Alive* and other violent TV shows — apparently with little adverse effect. Why is today different?

A. There was more nurturing and instruction by parents in those years. Today's parents aren't in the home as much to tell their children right from wrong. Additionally, that era's children were not bombarded with as much media violence as children are today.

Now, there is not only TV, but cable TV and VCRs that bring violent movies into the home. Violence on the small screen can have a more intense effect because it is in your home.

Q. When Hollywood is confronted with the evidence, how does it react?

A. Hollywood executives just get defensive. They mainly are interested in making money. The thought that they are profoundly impacting lives only gets in the way and makes them feel guilty. So they usually say, "this is just entertainment. We don't influence people's lives."

That's totally irresponsible — and false. Why do you think corporations spend billions of dollars buying TV commercials? Because they think their ads will change our behavior. So, a 30-second spot will sell products, but a 30-minute show won't have any influence on viewers? That makes no sense at all.

Q. There have been numerous incidents of violence copied from movies and TV. Serial killer Nathaniel White said the idea to kill his first victim came from the movie, *Robocop*. "I did exactly what I saw in the movie," he said. In San Francisco, four children mimicked a TV movie they saw when they later assaulted a 9-year-old girl with a broom stick. What's Hollywood's explanation?

A. Hollywood says if it hadn't been this movie, something else would have triggered violence somewhere down the road. Sure, not everybody will see something on TV and copy it, but look at all the people who are taking in thousands of scenes of gore and violence. Little by little this affects them.

Maybe they won't kill somebody, but they may explode and hit another person or an animal. The level of aggression in our society keeps mounting.

Q. Hollywood makes the point that experts cannot agree on what is violence, so how could they censor it when they don't know what it is?

A. Various groups do have different definitions of violence, but they don't vary that much. They agree that violence is anything that physically harms a person. Some researchers say, for instance, that *The Three Stooges* are violent; others dispute it.

The solution is to weigh the acts of violence. Slapping somebody, the way the Stooges did, wouldn't count as much as shooting a person. So it's not that hard to decide what is harmful violence and what isn't. The *real* complication is that Hollywood has bought various experts.

Q. Bought them?

A. Some psychologists and college professors sound more like Hollywood producers than researchers.

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HIGHLIGHTS

Carole Lieberman On...

America's violence: "Every act of violence committed today is influenced by violent movies and TV."

Movie ratings: "They're a joke. The system is too complicated and confusing. Parents think it protects their children, but it doesn't."

TV watching: "TV is a drug. The very act of spending so much time in front of a TV is inherently not good. TV cheapens life."

Violent shows: "We are addicted to violence. Media violence gives us a 'high.' But so does crack cocaine, and it is illegal."

TV news: "It reinforces the feeling, 'Why bother? Why try to live a decent life?' There should be more positive stories."

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THE BATTLE FOR LEYTE GULF



When the guns of the largest sea battle in history quieted, the Japanese navy was permanently crippled and U.S. forces fulfilled one general's promise.

By Sid Moody

ANGERED by Western interference with its territorial claims after its 1905 triumph over Russia, Japan from 1907 onward had contingency plans for war with the United States. The basic plan never changed: draw the U.S. fleet westward across the Pacific, then annihilate it.

Sid Moody, a freelance writer from New York City, wrote "The Longest Day" in the February issue.

Japan tried this twice in World War II. The first was its invasion of Midway Island in June 1942. The Japanese waited for the Americans to fall into their trap as the U.S. ships steamed to the defense of Midway. However, the outnumbered American fleet sank four Japanese carriers.

The second attempt was equally a failure, inflicting perhaps a greater setback to the Japanese. Again, the Japanese planned to ambush the American Navy when it invaded Saipan in June 1944. But the ambush cost the Japanese two carriers and over 400 planes in what was called The Great Marianas Turkey Shoot.

Japan's strength was ebbing while American power on land, sea and air became overwhelming. Japan planned a last, desperate gamble: a naval assault code named SHO ICHI GO (Victory Operation No. 1). SHO-1 would be launched while the Americans were preoccupied invading the island of Leyte in the Philippine archipelago.

The Leyte invasion of October 1944 was the fulfillment of Gen. Douglas MacArthur's March 1942 pledge when he had been evacuated from the Philippines: "I shall return," he vowed. And he did.

Four Army divisions stormed ashore against moderate resistance on



THE RETURN—Above, Gen. MacArthur surveys the beachhead on Leyte Island after U.S. forces swept ashore in October 1944. Top, some of the 783 ships of the mammoth assault force.

Oct. 20. The Japanese planned to send one fleet from the north of Leyte through San Bernardino Strait and the second into the Leyte Gulf via Surigao Strait to the south. A third armada, the six carriers of Vice Adm. Jisaburo Ozawa — all that Japan had left — would serve as bait to lure the mighty Third Fleet of Adm. William F. Halsey away from Leyte.

The result was the largest sea battle in history.

Like most Japanese plans since the treacherous but brilliant attack on Pearl Harbor, SHO ICHI GO looked good on paper but fatally scattered



OPENING SHOT—The first contact between U.S. and Japanese forces is depicted in this painting of the sinking of Japanese cruisers *Maya* and *Atago*, above.

CRUISER SANK—Aircraft from American carriers attack the Japanese cruiser *Chokai* in this painting, left.



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Japan's striking power, making coordination impossible.

SHO first ran into trouble Oct. 23 when the U.S. submarines *Darter* and *Dace* spotted the Japanese northern fleet headed for San Bernardino Strait. The subs sank two heavy cruisers. The next day American planes swarmed to the attack. The Japanese battleship *Musashi*, with 18-inch guns like her sister ship *Yamato*, was repeatedly hit by 19 torpedoes and 17 bombs. Supposedly unsinkable, the huge ship slowly turned turtle and went down with half of her 2,400-man crew.

But Vice Adm. Takeo Kurita, who had expected severe losses, steamed on. He still had four battleships, including *Yamato*, eight cruisers and 11 destroyers.

Meanwhile, Ozawa's force had been spotted far north of Leyte.

Halsey roared after him like the bull of his nickname. "I thought Adm. Halsey was making one hell of a mistake," said Rear Adm. Gerald Bogan. All that was confronting Kurita's ships the next morning was the "eggshell" Taffy III Task Force of Rear Adm. Clifton "Ziggy" Sprague, a thin-skinned group of six small "jeep" carriers, three destroyers and four destroyer escorts. Although vastly outgunned, Sprague quickly decided he had to attack the Japanese to safeguard the U.S. landing transports to the south.

Cmdr. Ernest E. Evans, a Cherokee Indian who was skipper of the U.S. destroyer *Johnston*, charged Kurita's ships despite being swatted by 14-inch shells. One U.S. officer, describing the incident, said the *Johnston* was "like a puppy being smacked by a truck."

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THE BULL—Close to destroying the Japanese fleet, a frustrated Vice Adm. Halsey had to turn back to Leyte.

MEMBER

GET A MEMBER!

Why not? When you have the answers, the questions are easy. Here's your guide to dealing with those questions most often asked by prospective Legion members.

AT HEART, every Legionnaire is an American Legion recruiter. You're a member of the Legion for a reason. Or for a whole bunch of reasons. To sign up other wartime veterans, you don't have to do much more than tell them why you belong. And you don't have to be your Post's membership chairman, either. Getting other veterans to join is as easy as just asking.

Inside every veteran is a reason to join the Legion. Chances are there's a Legion activity or program that appeals to any veteran's interests. Find out what a veteran is interested in, match that up with what the Legion offers, and you've got a new member.

THE AMERICAN LEGION MAGAZINE asked some of the top American Legion recruiters: What are the most common questions veterans ask about the Legion and what are your responses? Read the questions, learn the answers, and get a member.

PROSPECTIVE MEMBER: What's in it for me?

LEGIONNAIRE: When you join The American Legion, you join a great big family. We take care of each other. We provide many services exclusively for veterans, from helping them fill out complicated VA claims to giving them rides to VA hospitals.

And when Midwest Legionnaires were flooded out of their homes in the summer of '93, the Legion's National Emergency Fund gave hundreds of thousands of dollars to Legion families to help them get back on their feet.

You're only eligible for this kind of help if you're a Legionnaire.

And every so often, you can receive special discounts on purchases because you're a Legionnaire, from insurance to credit cards to eye care.

Q. It's great that you help veterans, but I'm not disabled and don't receive benefits. So why should I join?

A. You're luckier than a whole lot of others — veterans who depend on the Legion to get them VA benefits for a lost arm or for Agent Orange illnesses. You may not need help now, but if you do, the Legion will be there.

Q. But if I don't need those benefits, what else does the Legion offer?

A. You have kids, don't you? Many Legion Posts give scholarships to students in their communities. The Legion also publishes, *Need A Lift?*, one of the most comprehensive guides to college scholarships.

There's a great shooting sports program for your kids. Plus Legion Baseball, the national oratorical contest and the acclaimed high school citizenship programs, Boys State and Boys Nation. All these programs start at your local Post. And all help make your children better Americans.

If you're a needy veteran with children, the Legion's Temporary Financial Assistance program can help you.

Q. Sounds good, but don't Legionnaires just go to their Posts to socialize?

A. Yes, some members see the Post as a place for camaraderie, where they can share memories and laughs.

But the Legion is really a place for those who want to contribute to their community. In thousands of places just like this, Legion Posts and Legion volunteers help by feeding needy families during the holidays, contributing time and money to building veterans' memorials, donating equipment to local hospitals, and by giving blood. The Legion's contributions to the country are endless. But all its good works begin with the Posts and your membership.

What too, we do for veterans, the community and its children — whether it is conducting Memorial Day services or hosting Christmas parties for hospitalized children.

You can do as much as you want. And if none of the programs appeal to you, you can start your own.

Q. I've heard the Legion is made up of old veterans. Is that true?



LET'S TALK—
Friends and
neighbors are
potential Legion
members just
waiting to be asked.

A. Absolutely not. Less than half of all Legionnaires are WWII veterans. Most of the remainder are Vietnam-era GIs. And Desert Storm veterans are joining our ranks every day. Five of our last seven National Commanders are Vietnam-era veterans, including our current National Commander, William M. Detweiler. Today's Legionnaires are a diverse group, from 18-year-olds to World War I veterans. We have members representing all walks of life and from all parts of the country.

Q. How much time does being a member of The American Legion take?

A. It's up to you. You are not required to participate in Legion functions. But your membership can mean a lot — to you and your family. In fact, many families have almost been raised in Legion halls. With the American Legion Auxiliary and Sons of the American Legion, we're a family organization. Plus, all Legionnaires have more than 3 million friends at nearly 15,000 Posts across America. Anywhere you go, there are Legionnaires.

Q. I only served stateside. Am I still eligible to join?

A. It doesn't matter whether you served stateside or overseas, whether you were a shipping clerk or master sergeant, a pilot or a grunt. All that counts is that you've served honorably in the military during wartime.

Q. I'm still in the service. Can I join the Legion, too?

A. Of course you can. Right now, those on active duty are eligible to join. It would be a good idea to sign up

now, before you leave the military, so you can learn about veterans issues.

Q. I'm involved in other veterans' organizations, why should I become a Legionnaire, too?

A. The Legion offers benefits and programs the other organizations do not. And, as the largest veterans organization in the world, it's big enough for you to find a place. Indeed, many veterans belong to more than one veterans' organization, which "doubles" their voice before VA, Congress and the White House.

Q. What are my membership dues spent for?

A. The average Legionnaire pays \$25 a year in dues. Of that money, some goes to the local Post, some to the Legion Department in the state and some to National Headquarters. These dues support programs for youth, such as Boys State and Nation, oratorical contests and American Legion Baseball.

They also support the Legion's Washington office, where Legion officials testify to Congress, meet with the President and work with VA on your behalf.

Being a member of the Legion adds your voice when we tell Congress the veterans' viewpoint on such issues as POW/MIAs, veterans health care, protecting the Flag and keeping America's defense strong. The more voices we add, the louder we are, the more we're heard.

In addition, with your membership you receive THE AMERICAN LEGION MAGAZINE free every month. It's the best veterans' magazine in the country. □

BOARD OVERRULES USPS RIF OF VETERANS



COST-SAVING actions last year by the U.S. Postal Service (USPS) to shift as many as 30,000 employees into lower positions has been ruled in violation of the veterans preference laws.

The Merit System Protection Board said the USPS actions were actually a reduction in force (RIF), which means employees who are veterans are entitled to protection under veterans preference.

Ordered by the federal government to cut costs, USPS dropped the employees to lower ranking jobs to trim its payroll. The transferred employees did not suffer a reduction in pay. However, their pay is frozen until the rate for the lower position rises to their current rate of pay through

cost of living increases. For many employees, this would have meant no raise at all for the rest of their career. USPS is the nation's largest employer of veterans.

The American Legion opposed this undermining of veterans preference in Resolution 9, passed by the National Executive Committee at the 1994 Spring Meeting. In its testimony before the merit board, the Legion said the Postal Service's action was a RIF, and the board agreed.

USPS accepted the board's decision and has announced that there will be no layoffs and that all veterans who were transferred to lower-ranking jobs will get back their higher positions without any loss in pay.

The Clinton administration announced it would not appeal the board's decision.

COLA Equity Passed

Retired military cost of living adjustments (COLAs) will become effective April 1, 1995, the same time as federal retiree COLAs. Congress last year authorized delaying military retiree COLAs for a total of 39 months over five years, while federal retiree COLAs would be delayed only 15 months in all.

But after outcries from retirees and much congressional testimony from The American Legion and other veterans' groups, Congress revised its position and brought military COLAs in line with those of federal retirees.

Sentence Pending

About 1,000 veterans' claims are being checked for possible tampering, as a result of an ongoing investigation by the U.S. Attorney's office. Charles Cragin, chairman of the Board of Veterans Appeals (BVA) told THE AMERICAN LEGION MAGAZINE the cases being checked were among those handled by two BVA attorneys being investigated.

One of the attorneys, a 21-year BVA employee, has pled guilty to a single charge of tampering with government documents. The maximum sentence is three years in a federal penitentiary and possible forfeiture of his government pension.

Among the cases mishandled by the attorney were those of a 78-year-

old former POW of the Japanese, a GI captured by the Germans at the Battle of the Bulge and a Vietnam veteran with testicular cancer.

VA officials declined to comment on whether they will seek the lawyer's disbarment. They also refused to discuss the investigation of the other BVA attorney. The file tampering was first made public by THE AMERICAN LEGION MAGAZINE in August.

Birth Defect Hotline

Veterans whose children suffer from birth defects, especially those born to Gulf War or Vietnam veterans, are asked to register with the Association of Birth Defect Children (ABDC). Betty Mekdici, who heads the non-profit organization, received a grant of nearly \$37,000 from The American Legion Child Welfare Foundation to continue ABDC's work. Among its projects, ABDC compiles data to be used in researching the relationship of birth defects with military service in Vietnam and the Persian Gulf.

To receive a registry form, call 1-800-313-ABDC (1-800-313-2232).

Gulf Illness Help

Gulf War veterans suffering from the so-called Gulf War Syndrome can expect to receive some help from the federal government. With the support of VA Secretary Jesse Brown, the House has passed a bill that allows VA to grant service-connected com-

pensation and treatment for the yet-undiagnosed maladies of those veterans. Similar legislation is expected to pass the Senate.

The Legion supports the House bill, but with a few reservations. Under the bill, veterans whose illnesses appear more than one year after discharge from the military will not be eligible for care or compensation. "How can a date be set on an illness or illnesses that, so far, have defied diagnosis?" said Charles Pessa, chairman of the Legion's Legislative Commission.

However, Pessa praised the measure as a first step in addressing Gulf War diseases and avoiding another Agent Orange or radiation fiasco.

New Atomic Eligibility

GIs who participated in atmospheric nuclear tests conducted by other countries are "entitled to the same benefits afforded their fellow veterans who participated in U.S. atmospheric testing," VA Secretary Jesse Brown said in announcing a new VA policy on radiation compensation.

Current regulations bar benefits or compensation to U.S. military personnel ordered to participate in nuclear tests with Allied countries. The Department of Defense will be asked to identify those who participated and to supply information on dates and test sites. Veterans or their survivors may call 1-800-827-1000 for more information. □

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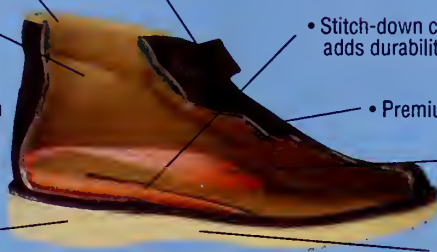
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LOUISIANA'S

WILLIAM M. DETWEILER

Elected National Commander

WE MUST be visible and show a command presence," says William M. Detweiler, the newly elected National Commander of The American Legion. "We must mobilize millions of Legionnaires and step forward on the issues that matter."

"We need to tell people, not just Legionnaires, about the good things that our organization does for communities," he says. "We need to reach out and be recognized, and have The American Legion stand up when our nation calls for leadership."

Bosnia. POW/MIAs. Desert Storm Illness. Peacekeeping. VA Health Care. Jobs for veterans. Protecting the U.S. Flag. "America has never needed Legionnaires more, and veterans must once again rise to the challenges posed by a post-Cold War world," says Detweiler.

Detweiler, 54, has spent a lifetime providing leadership where there was a need — in the Army, in his local government and in the organization he now heads, The American Legion.

His leadership positions in The American Legion have included: Chairman, National Foreign Relations Commission (1987-1992); National Vice Commander (1986-1987); Chairman, National Public Relations Commission (1978-1986); Department Judge Advocate (1970-1985); and many other top slots at the District and Post levels.

In 1973, Detweiler was appointed by President Richard Nixon to serve on the Veterans Administration National Rehabilitation and Education Advisory Committee to the Administrator. He was named Chairman of that committee in 1975.

In his home state, Detweiler serves as Chairman of the Agent Orange Family Systems Project Advisory Committee at Louisiana State University Medical School of Allied Health in New Orleans. He is also Chairman of The American Legion Louisiana Vietnam Veterans Memorial Fund, Inc., which maintains the Louisiana Vietnam Veterans monument.

Louisiana State Sen. John J. Haikel Jr. says that Detweiler "has a lot of street sense" when it comes to battling for veterans. "Bill doesn't seek headlines, he just goes about his job quietly."

Detweiler is well respected by those who know him and

his charity has touched thousands who have never heard his name. For his contributions to veterans, The American Legion awarded Detweiler both the National American Legion Press Association President's Award (1984), and its prestigious "Image Maker" Citation (1983).

A Vietnam-era Army veteran. In 1958, Detweiler was named the Outstanding Army ROTC Freshman Cadet at Loyola University, where he went on to earn a B.S.S. in Sociology and a law degree in a combined six-year program. (A year earlier, he had received The American Legion School Award at his high school graduation.) These honors recognized his great leadership abilities.

After gaining his commission, he rose to the rank of captain in the U.S. Army Intelligence Corps (1963-1966), and served as Operations Officer, Assistant Chief of Staff, G-2, at the U.S. Army Air Defense Center, Fort Bliss, Texas, from 1964-1965.

A Louisiana lawyer. As a prominent New Orleans attorney, Detweiler carries with him the experiences of a family that had to work hard to make ends meet. After his father died — Detweiler was only 11 — he and his mother had to work long hours to pay the bills. After school, he delivered telegrams and his mom did clerical work and helped out in his grammar school cafeteria.

"I never thought of myself as being poor because I was always busy," Detweiler recalls. "My clothes were always clean and I did what I had to do to earn my way through school. My work ethic grew out of necessity — now I enjoy work that helps other people."

That's why National Commander Detweiler has given so much of his time to The American Legion. That's the reason he is prepared to devote one year of his life — full-time — to making the organization do more good for

"We must be visible and show a command presence. We must mobilize millions of Legionnaires and step forward on the issues that matter."



more people.

"The Legion is getting someone who is courageous and will stand up for veterans," says Pat Mason, who co-chaired Detweiler's successful campaign for Constable of the First City Court of New Orleans in 1978. Since then, he has been re-elected three times to this office which pays him a small stipend to serve as the enforcement arm of the court, serving summons, seizing automobiles and assets and doing evictions for nonpayment of rent.



OUTREACH—Detweiler, center, chairs the Agent Orange Family Systems Project Advisory Committee at Louisiana State University Medical School of Allied Health.

Detweiler earned a reputation for integrity and efficiency through a masterful restructuring of the office of Constable. He actually took a \$10,000 home equity loan when the local government refused to give the office money to operate. The previous Constable had left the office penniless. (Detweiler was eventually paid back by the office.)

"Today the office of Constable is run just like a regular business," Detweiler says. "I also helped pass bills that raised the amount someone could sue for from \$2,000 to \$20,000. Before this change, District level courts were being loaded with minor cases."

Now Detweiler's keen management skills are hard at work for The American Legion on the national level. "He's got everything the Legion could hope for," says Monsignor John P. Reynolds of St. Patrick's Church in New Orleans. "He is devoted to country, family, school and God."

Family. Detweiler is married to the former Maureen Reed, and they are the proud parents of four children: Scott Reed Detweiler, 31; Bonnie Catherine Detweiler, 30; Keith Detweiler, 29; and Jeannie Catherine Detweiler, 23. They have one grandson, Scott Jr., age 2. "My family is very important to me, and one of the ways I can make things better for them is to make things better for all families. Through the Legion, I believe we — Legionnaires — can do that," he says.

In the following interview, National Commander Detweiler tells how The American Legion can make our country a better place for veterans and their families.

AMERICAN LEGION MAGAZINE: What can The American Legion do to become more visible?

A. Our community service really defines our image, and for most people, their local Post is The American Legion. Every Post has to establish a community identity, and not just with veterans. We do a good job of being visible, but we can do better. As National Commander, one of my goals is to see that everyone in The American Legion tells at least one other person about the great things that we do and encourages them to join in our efforts.

Q. How can we make sure veterans aren't short-changed in health-care reform?

A. Whatever direction national health-care reform takes, The American Legion must make sure VA remains an independent medical care provider for veterans. VA, however, isn't perfect. We need to reform the VA system. This means more preventive medicine, more money in the budget and more access for veterans who need affordable care.

Because of VA's long lines and underfunded facilities, a veteran today who has private medical coverage isn't going to use VA.

VA can compete with private hospitals if we give it the money it needs to do the job. The American Legion will continue to work toward that end.

Q. How can we resolve the enormous backlog of claims and restore confidence in VA?



SERVICE—Captain Detweiler was an intelligence officer in the Army from 1963 to 1966.

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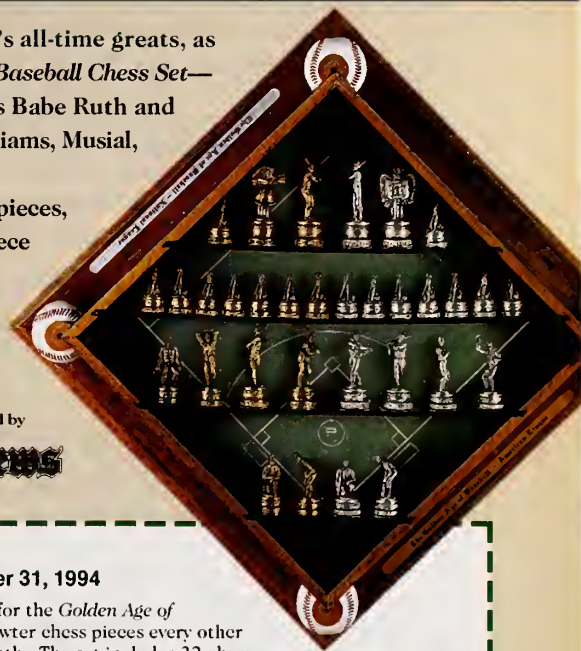
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A. We need better training for the people who handle claims at VA Regional Offices. They just aren't prepared to handle many of these cases. That's one reason things are so messed up; why the backlog at Regional Offices is more than 540,000 claims — not including the 56,000 cases that have been appealed to the Board of Veterans Appeals (BVA).

To resolve the backlog and restore confidence in the system, VA should look for ways to approve claims instead of



JUSTICE—New Orleans Judge Dom Grieshaber, right, reviews a case with Constable Detweiler. Both belong to Post 307, New Orleans.

looking for ways to deny them. VA is supposed to be in the veterans' corner, and it has lost many votes of confidence because of its adversarial approach to claims.

There are many VA employees who work very hard for veterans. The claims system should function in a manner that gives veterans the benefit of the doubt.

Q. How can we prevent the Persian Gulf illnesses from becoming another Agent Orange-type disaster?

A. The government must treat Gulf War GIs who are sick. The government must find out why they are ill. The American Legion is keeping an eye on how the government deals with this problem. We don't want to see a delayed and flawed series of studies on these illnesses reminiscent of Agent Orange. We need serious unbiased studies and we need them now.

Q. Speaking of Agent Orange, what are we doing for its victims?

A. Many of them have died waiting for the government and VA to accept responsibility for the ill effects of Agent Orange. The American Legion has conducted studies and persuaded VA to admit that the defoliant causes many types of cancer. Nine diseases are now on the VA's list of service-connected illnesses linked to Agent Orange.

But there are still more Agent Orange illnesses that are not accepted by VA. The

American Legion will continue to fight for these victims and their families. (See "Healing the Horrors of Agent Orange," Page 16 for their story.)

Q. In the post-Cold War world, when is it appropriate to commit GIs to a conflict?

A. American troops should only be sent into harm's way when our national interest is at stake, and Congress authorizes our involvement. The President must maintain control of our forces and never allow the United Nations to put a foreign commander in charge of U.S. troops.

We cannot get involved in every civil war that pops up around the globe. Our government has chosen to reduce the size of our military. Therefore, to be consistent, it must limit the scope and number of future military operations.

Q. What about peacekeeping and humanitarian operations?

A. U.S. troops are at risk during peacekeeping, even though it is not necessarily a shooting war. Again, it must be in our national interest. We simply can't get involved in every peacekeeping and humanitarian operation that comes along. Every time we risk American lives, there must be a good reason.

Another problem is that many of these operations are peace enforcement as opposed to peacekeeping. I have serious doubts about using GIs in these operations and making them pawns in the internal politics of another country.

We need to define our national interests. The Somalia situation really showed that.

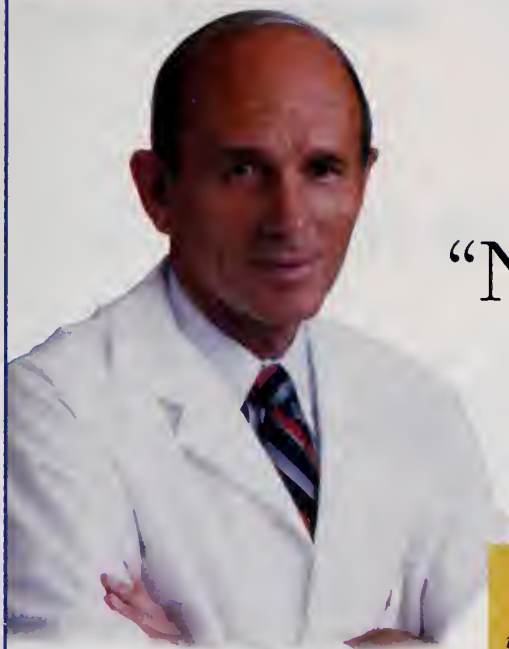
Q. Where does the POW/MIA issue stand?

A. The American Legion is working to gain protections for GIs captured during peacekeeping or humanitarian operations. Currently, a POW taken under these circumstances would be considered a detainee or a hostage without any rights under the Geneva Conventions.

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FAMILY—The family of the National Commander from left to right: son Scott, daughter Bonnie, wife Maureen, son Keith, daughter Jeannie and National Commander William M. Detweiler.



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Mississippi Teen Voted Boys Nation President

Thomas Whitehead, an 18-year-old high-school senior from Brandon, Miss., is the 1994 Boys Nation President. Whitehead, who said he was on "cloud nine" after his election, believes he has become more open-minded because of his Boys Nation experience. "I've learned a tremendous amount of patience which makes up the kind of person I am today," he said. Whitehead, who is considering a career in politics, said he enjoyed



THOMAS WHITEHEAD
1994 Boys Nation President

learning what makes the federal government "tick."

For 48 years, American Legion Boys Nation has

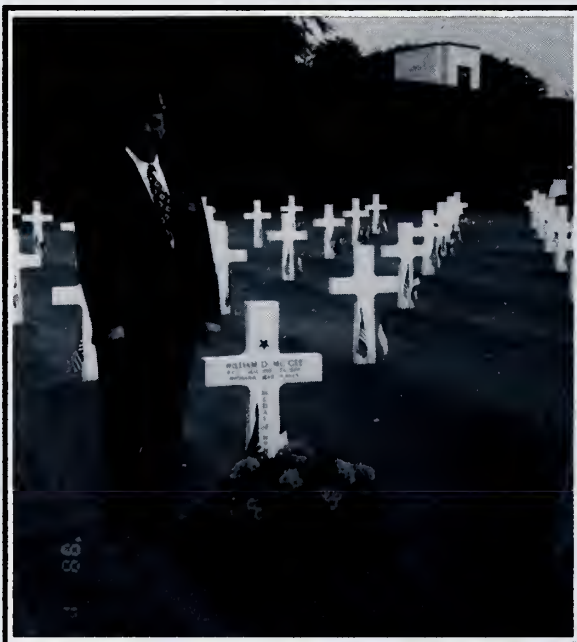
been held annually near Washington, D.C. Two high school juniors from each of the 48 Boys States are selected to attend the week-long Boys Nation. The delegates organize into committees, conduct hearings, act on bills they introduce into the Boys Nation Senate, and nominate and elect their own officials. Some well-known alumni of Boys Nation include President Bill Clinton, Secretary of Education Lamar Alexander and film critic Roger Ebert.

At Marymount University in Arlington, Va., the del-

egates this year debated and voted on such issues as flag burning, prayer in schools, capital punishment, the deficit and health-care reform. During their stay, the youths visited Capitol Hill, the Vietnam Veterans Memorial, the U.S. Supreme Court and the White House, among other historic attractions.

Whitehead offers these words for future Boys Nation participants: "Be ambitious. It never hurts to try anything if you keep faith in yourself. People will know exactly who you are." □

THIESEN TRAVELS TO EUROPE FOR D-DAY CEREMONIES



D-DAY TOUR—Nat'l. Commander Bruce Thiesen visited the grave of Medal of Honor recipient, Army Pvt. William D. McGee, at the Luxembourg American Cemetery and Memorial during the 50th anniversary of D-Day. McGee received the medal for rescuing a wounded GI from a minefield in March 1945. He tried to save another comrade, but was killed when he stepped on a mine himself.

Legion Opposes U.S. Invasion Of Haiti

NATIONAL Commander Bruce Thiesen has sent a letter to President Bill Clinton, cautioning him about his announced intentions to invade Haiti and restore peace to the strife-torn nation.

In an Aug. 7 letter, Thiesen told the President that The American Legion, the nation's largest veterans' organization, is convinced no vital American interest is at stake in Haiti. "Democracy cannot be implanted or restored by the barrel of a gun," Thiesen wrote. "Talk of restoring democracy in Haiti is an impossible dream because Haiti has never had a functioning democratic government and lacks the basic institutions necessary in a democracy."

Although opposing U.S.

military intervention, Thiesen said The American Legion supports giving humanitarian aid to the Haitian people through non-governmental organizations. He also reiterated the Legion's long-standing opposition to the use of U.S. forces in international peacekeeping operations. "We must stay out of problems we cannot solve. As the debacle in Somalia so clearly illustrated, rash deployment of American forces in operations not involving vital U.S. interests produces ignominious withdrawal and further reduction in U.S. credibility," he wrote.

Thiesen also called on the President to develop "ironclad procedures" to provide international prisoner-of-war protection to GIs captured in nontraditional military operations. □

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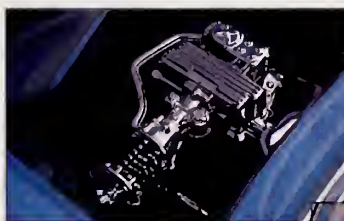
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PROTECT THE FLAG

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tion is yelling "fire" in a crowded theater.

There also are all sorts of local laws that prohibit putting up certain kinds of signs in your own front yard and from erecting billboards in scenic areas.

If a person purposefully desecrates a Flag in public, he or she runs the risk of inciting a riot or promoting physical harm to citizens and property. To prevent such actions, we have to have an amendment allowing the states and Congress to pass and enforce their own laws.

This amendment is not an issue of free speech — only of protecting the U.S. Flag.

Q. Will this amendment open the door to more amendments?

A. No. It has never been easy to amend the Constitution. First, two-thirds of both the House and Senate have to vote favorably. Then a proposed amendment has to be ratified by

three-fourths of the states within seven years.

If this becomes the 28th Amendment, there is no guarantee that there will be subsequent amendments unless the majority of citizens want it. There's even a provision to remove amendments; the constitutional amendment that prohibited alcoholic beverages was repealed through the same process that originally made it an amendment.

America is fortunate to have its constitutional form of government. Whenever there is a cause great enough, we, the people, can rise up to let our feelings be known. We can change the Constitution. But the need for the change must be compelling. The Flag amendment is just such an issue.

Q. Couldn't a Flag education program ensure respect for the Flag?

A. An education program is an important part of the Citizens Flag Alliance program. Schools should spend more time discussing national values and teaching the importance of respect for our national symbols. But education alone won't ensure protection for our Flag. An amendment will.

The Legion has always educated youth about the Flag, but an amendment that protects the Flag from physical desecration is a gift to future generations. It is a statement of values that would make America stand tall.

Q. How does this campaign define a Flag and desecration?

A. It is easy to define a Flag and desecration. After all, until 1989, 48 states and the federal government all had codified statutes that prevented desecration of the American Flag. While those laws were in effect, definitions were not a hindrance.

One very good definition of a Flag can be found in a 1978 book, *Flags of the World*: "Thus a flag is something that must be free to be agitated by the wind and can be defined as a device on a piece of pliable material which is fastened to a staff or mast along one of its edges, leaving the rest to fly or flap in the breeze."

Q. If a picture of a Flag is burned, is that desecration?

A. No. If you photograph a person and then stab the picture with a knife, you have not committed murder. Photos, drawings or other likenesses should not constitute desecration of the Flag for constitutional purposes.

Q. What about people who wear clothing with flags on it or with flag designs?

A. Individual states should have the right to come up with their own definitions, but the Citizens Flag Alliance and the Legion offer a popular opinion: An American Flag should not be cut up to be made into items of clothing or other decorations. On the other hand, designing a jacket that incorporates the colors and elements of the flag is not desecration. Everyday, Americans demonstrate love of country and the Flag when they include red and white stripes and white stars against blue in their clothing.

Q. What can Legionnaires do to help protect the Flag?

A. Fly your Flags, sign up local organizations into the CFA and help raise money for the campaign. There are so many ways Legionnaires can get involved. If they want more information, they should write:

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FLAG ALLIANCE

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one of us because we had a husband die in service or as a result of his service," says Rose Lee, legislative director for the 8,000-member Gold Star Wives, whose organization joined the Alliance without hesitation. "The Flag is the symbol of freedom for which our husbands fought and died for."

Such support isn't surprising. A January 1994 Gallup survey showed 81 percent of Americans believe the Flag should be protected by a constitutional amendment. The 1994 survey results were strikingly similar to those of a Legion-commissioned Gallup survey conducted in 1992. In that survey, 81 percent also said they would vote for a constitutional amendment to protect the Flag.

"This effort isn't one organization. It's everybody with the common purpose of protecting the Flag," says Legionnaire and Alliance member Tom Smith, who has worked in Oklahoma to raise awareness about the campaign in local companies, churches and organizations.

Reverence for the Flag runs just as deep for American Legion Auxiliary member Marion Fish. She remembers Memorial Days in her hometown of Bristol, Vt., where children waved flags along the parade route, and the Stars and Stripes adorned many homes. And for her, the Flag also represents her husband's service in World War II and her son's service in Vietnam.

Fish, who now lives in Shrewsbury, Vt., has put everything else in her life on hold to work on the campaign for an amendment to protect the Flag.

That same devotion to the U.S. Flag led dozens of Vermont Legionnaires to brave subzero temperatures and waist-deep snow to reach the

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state's capitol last winter. They were letting their legislators know how strongly they disapproved of the 1989 *Texas v. Johnson* Supreme Court decision that ruled physical desecration of the Flag was protected as free speech. That ruling made flag-protection laws in 48 states and the District of Columbia unconstitutional by saying burning a Flag was a form of expression allowed under the First Amendment.

"We have to make the public aware of their right to override the 5-4 Supreme Court decision," says Idaho State Representative Alan G. Lance, who led efforts in his state to get a flag-protection memorializing resolution passed. "The Supreme Court is not the supreme legislative body of the land. The people, the voters, are the supreme legislative body under our constitutional form of government."

Since the *Texas v. Johnson* decision, Legionnaires and Auxiliary members nationwide have been pressing state legislatures to adopt memorializing resolutions calling for Congress to protect the Flag. As of August, 44 states, representing 93.6 percent of the nation's population, had passed resolutions.

For Legionnaire Robert Klipstine, the campaign for the Flag is a lot like

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his WWII South Pacific island hopping as a Marine. One island, one battle at a time to victory.

"On every island we got to, the troops put up a Flag real quick," recalls Klipstine. "The Flag was what we were fighting for—on Tarawa, Guadalcanal."

These days, Klipstine's fight for the Flag has taken him to a Fourth of July festival in his hometown of West Milton, Ohio. There he set up a Citizens Flag Alliance booth to tell others of the need for a Flag amendment.

As the Alliance gears up for its nationwide campaign, some have already began holding their legislators' feet to the fire.

"I will not let the politicians rest until we get an amendment," says William Bowers, an Alliance member and veteran of Vietnam. "I lost a lot of buddies in Vietnam. To me, the Flag represents every person who was killed in battle."

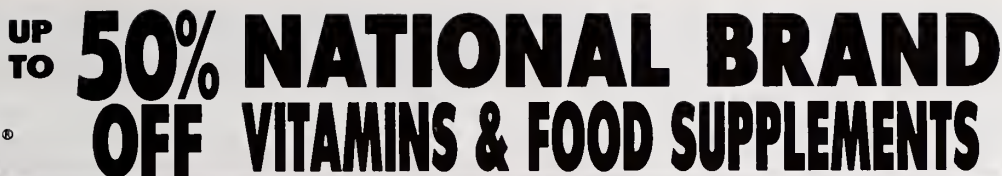
IN RECENT months, Bowers has gone to many of Pennsylvania Sen. Harris Wofford's speaking engagements in hopes of getting the lawmaker to commit to the amendment.

As word of the movement spreads and more and more join the Alliance, National Commander William M. Detweiler has called on the Legion family to corner their representatives and get them to state their position on the issue.

"At this point, many are riding the fence or are unaware of America's desire for an amendment to protect the Flag," says Detweiler. "We have to pin the politicians down on their stand on this issue. They pay attention to phone calls and letters. Keep the lines ringing. They'll get the message eventually."

Barney Barnum, Washington liaison for the Congressional Medal of Honor Society, says his organization is no less "adamant" than the Legion in following the campaign to the House and Senate floor.

"I've seen too many burials at Arlington, too many Americans laid to rest under the Stars and Stripes for anything less," says Barnum. "I'm absolutely appalled that we have to resort to an amendment, but we have to. How else do we stop the desecration of the Flag?" □



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DETWEILER

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Most important, we need to see that the government treats POW/MIA families better. They deserve to get prompt information on their loved ones and respectful treatment.

Protecting the men and women we send into combat must become a priority. When we lifted the economic embargo on Vietnam without the fullest possible accounting, that was a sign that our nation has learned little from its past POW/MIA debacles.

Q. Should we worry about our military being downsized?

A. The American Legion has to insist that our nation be vigilant, remain militarily strong and be prepared. We cannot be certain the Cold War is over forever and continue cutting our forces. We really don't know what will become of the former Soviet Union, despite the temptation to lower our guard. We should all be concerned at the pace at which our forces are being reduced. Our country keeps finding new places to

send U.S. troops and at the same time votes to have less of them.

Q. As our forces reduce, many GIs will need civilian jobs. How can The American Legion help them?

A. The most effective way we can help these men and women is through networking. Thousands of veterans find jobs through their local Post. I would like to see every Post establish a program for matching veterans with jobs in their community. We must also continue our fight for a new GI Bill that will cover tuition for GIs who want to further their education and compete for the best jobs.

Q. How does The American Legion's campaign to protect the U.S. Flag fit into this new command presence you are seeking for our organization?

A. The U.S. Flag embodies what The American Legion is about. As members of the Citizens Flag Alliance, Inc., we share the conviction that our Flag must not be physically desecrated in political protest. Flag defacing is not free speech. It is an act of disrespect for our country and for every veteran who has fought to defend it.

But Flag protection is not just an issue for Legionnaires. More than 80 percent of the American people want the Flag protected. (See "To Protect The Flag," Page 23, for more on the Citizens Flag Alliance.)

Q. How can The American Legion sustain its strong membership in the post-Cold War era?

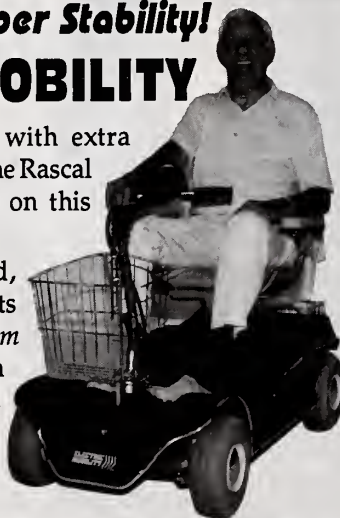
A. We must be visible and show a command presence. We must introduce new members to our programs and we must step forward and speak out on the issues that matter to veterans and their families. If we do this and ask veterans to join us, The American Legion will remain a force for veterans for another 75 years. □

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There's a lot of money in Hollywood, and experts are paid large sums to be "consultants." The networks are buying psychological stamps of approval that result in allowing incredibly violent programming on the air.

Q. Under congressional fire, Hollywood has agreed to put "parental advisories" at the beginning of some

TV shows. Is that working?

A. Hollywood's aim is to get away with as much as possible. Yes, they agreed to put "advisories" before some shows, but they do it only with shows where they will lose as few viewers as possible — ones which kids don't watch anyway. The shows that need warnings don't get them.

Q. Which shows especially need a warning?

A. Cartoons. But Hollywood won't put warnings on them because who are the cartoons supposed to be for?

A label would be an acknowledgment

that many of the cartoons on TV are, in fact, bad for kids. Research shows that cartoons are *more* violent than other shows.

Some air more than 100 violent acts per hour. On average, cartoons have 32 acts of violence per hour compared to around four in prime-time programs.

Q. But, aren't we talking about very different kinds of violence in cartoons?

A. Many people in Hollywood protest that there's no comparison between the violence in movies and that which is depicted in *Tom and Jerry*. However, they are not considering the audience. For instance, just as the violence in *Terminator II* influences teens, the violence in cartoons will affect children. Children identify more readily with cartoon characters than they do with the adults in movies, and children get very absorbed in cartoons.

Q. Do movie ratings provide parents with safeguards?

A. The ratings are a joke. Try taking a questionnaire to a movie theater and asking people what the ratings mean. Few could tell you.

The system is too complicated and confusing. Parents think the ratings protect the interests of their children, but they don't. Parents have to read reviews or pre-screen movies themselves. But so often I've seen parents bringing tiny children to violent, terrifying movies.

We need a much simpler system. My proposal is for just three ratings based upon sex and violent content: Child-Safe, Teen-Safe and Adult-Only. That would be easily understandable.

Q. But, don't parents also have to answer for some of the youth violence?

A. Yes, parents also need to take more responsibility. They need to sit down with their kids and talk about their own values. But it's a 50-50 proposition.

Although parents should be more responsible, so also should the entertainment industry.

Q. Don't today's children watch too much TV as it is?

A. Yes, too much TV is also a problem. The very act of sitting in front of a TV regardless of what's on is causing problems for kids. Instead

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of socializing with their peers and playing, they too often are sitting alone at home watching TV.

Q. Surely Hollywood cannot take all the blame for violence in society?

A. This is a favorite Hollywood argument. But, that doesn't let

Hollywood off the hook for what it does — glamorize violence.

Q. What about us, the viewers? Isn't Hollywood just giving us what we want?

A. We are addicted to violence. We all have an inborn aggressive drive and anything we perceive as aggressive stimulates us.

A few generations ago, the aggressive drive was socialized in most of us into more acceptable forms — ambition and competitiveness. Now, because we are so bombarded with

media violence, our aggressive drive is out of control. Media violence has become a drug. Watching it gives us a "high." But so does crack cocaine, and it is illegal.

Q. Why do you oppose censorship of TV?

A. I'm afraid that if the government lays down laws censoring violence, it's only a matter of time before other things are censored.

Furthermore, there are some depictions of violence that serve a positive purpose — *Schindler's List*, for instance, ultimately teaches an anti-violence message.

Because the viewer is invited to care about the victims, the film clearly communicates the waste caused by that kind of violence.

In talking about media violence, we have to remember it's not how many bullets are pumped into the corpse. Two movies can show the same number of murders and one can be anti-violence while the other glorifies it. I don't think there's anything wrong with shows that depict violence if it isn't gratuitous. As long as there is meaning to it and it is carefully done, that's fine.

Q. Hillary Rodham Clinton recently attacked violence in TV news. Is that also a problem?

A. There's no question that news shows, particularly local news, exploit violence. There's a predominance of negative, violent stories, as opposed to good, positive news. We've found that watching TV news can be harmful.

It reinforces the feeling, 'Why bother? The world is dangerous, unsafe. Why try to live a decent life?' I believe there should be a balance of positive stories.

But I also think that concerning ourselves with news content shouldn't be a top priority.

In fact, there's much to be said in support of not censoring the news, leaving it free to show what is, in fact, happening.

Q. Should we just pull the plug on TV?

A. I am not for pulling the plug. I want us to be more conscious of the influence of TV and for us to use the medium in more positive ways. My real hope is that both the public and the industry will become more educated about the impact of violence. The more we raise awareness, the more positive changes we'll all see. □

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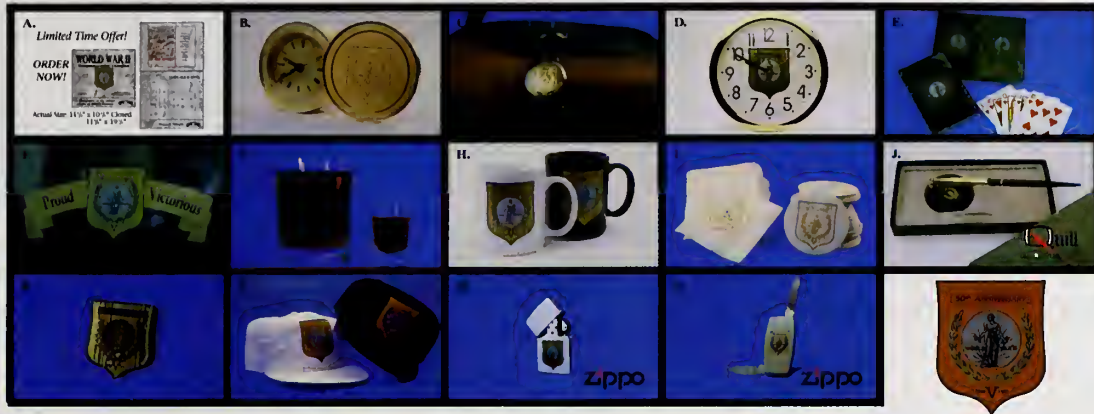
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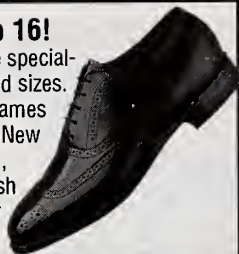
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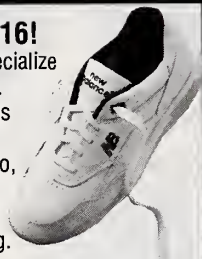
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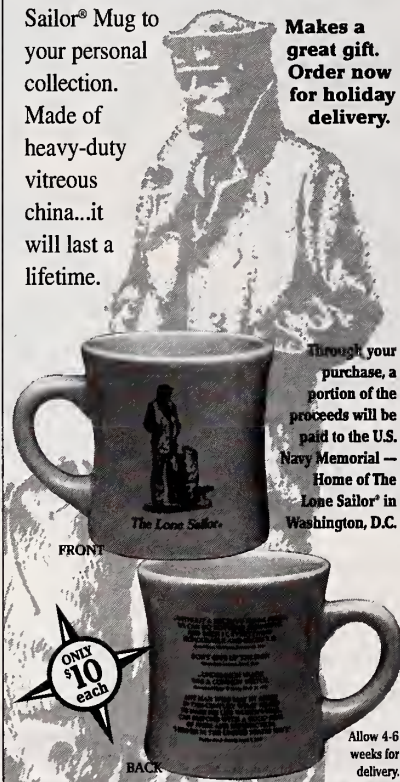
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WYATT EARP

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ed by Earp's grave have found a clue to his identity, other than to assume he was in some way related to Josephine Earp.

Wyatt Earp was not Jewish, but his wife was. The book *Pioneer Jews* by Harriet and Fred Rochlin offers a portrait of her life, much of which came from another book titled, *I Married Wyatt Earp*, supposedly her memoirs. However, I have a letter from a woman who says that Josephine's niece married the woman's great-uncle who "insisted that they were not her memoirs and a lot of it was bunk."

Glenn G. Boyer, who collected and edited the recollections, heatedly dismisses this claim, and his credentials are formidable. He was a close friend of Wyatt's second wife and the family of his sister, associations which led to his acquiring the two Josephine Earp manuscripts on which the book is based and, as he puts it, "spent nine years verifying, amplifying and qualifying the document before publishing it."

In any case, *Pioneer Jews* tells how Josephine ("Josie") ran away from her parents in San Francisco when she was 15 to the Arizona Territory as a cast member of the Pauline Markham Troupe production of Gilbert and Sullivan's *H.M.S. Pinafore*.

She was apprehended and returned to San Francisco, but in the meantime had acquired a suitor, Johnny Behan, who followed her back to the city to ask her parents for her hand in marriage. Josie then went with Behan to Tombstone where, after the romance soured, she met Wyatt Earp, then a deputy sheriff and proprietor of the Oriental Saloon. At the time he was married to his second wife, Mattie.

A love affair ensued.

Josie's book includes a description of the gunfight at the O.K. Corral:

"I jumped up as I heard the firing start...Without stopping for a bonnet I rushed outside...A man in a wagon...yelled, 'Hop in, lady — I'll run you up to the excitement!'...I almost swooned when I saw Wyatt's tall figure very much alive...He spotted me, and came across the street. Like a feather-brained girl, my only thought was, 'My God, I haven't got a bonnet on. What will they think?' But you can imagine my real relief at seeing my love alive. I was simply a little

hysterical. Can you blame me?"

Wyatt and Josie spent nearly 50 years together moving around the West. Despite her claim that they were married, no record of the marriage has been found. At one point they operated a saloon in Nome, Alaska, during the Klondike gold rush.

Ultimately, they settled in Los Angeles, where Wyatt hoped to cash in on his experiences with the movie industry, but it never happened.

About Wyatt's burial, Josie wrote: "Wyatt's family were almost all gone and we had no children. My only home was where my parents rest. So I took Wyatt's ashes to San Francisco."

When you look at a photo of Wyatt, you can't help but picture the faces of all the actors who have played him — Burt Lancaster, James Garner, Hugh O'Brian, Henry Fonda, Randolph Scott and now Kevin Costner in this summer's *Wyatt Earp*. But the first one was Walter Huston in *Law and Order*, which came out in 1931, two years after Wyatt was brought to Colma.

As for the real Wyatt Earp, he lies in the earth a short way from a modern shopping mall in a place far from any drifting tumbleweeds or howling coyotes. And there is no epitaph on his marker, nothing so quaint as Lester Moore's, nor as elegant as lines from the poem, *The Ballad of William Sycamore (1790 - 1871)* by Stephen Vincent Benét:

Go play with your towns you have built of blocks,

The towns where you would have bound me!

*I sleep in my earth like a tired fox,
And my buffalo have found me.*

It is interesting to note that the fictional William Sycamore of the poem lived to the age of 81, just like Wyatt Earp. □

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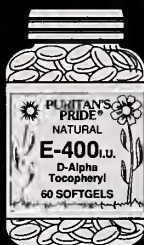
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AGENT ORANGE

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summer, the status of prostate cancer and peripheral neuropathy is pending further study by NAS.

In the meantime, the federal government may have lost interest in the Agent Orange issue. That is the claim of government scientists appointed to the Agent Orange Task Force that was disbanded in May 1994. A cover letter to their final report said: "As Agent Orange became less of an issue, the need for the Agent Orange Task Force diminished and was discontinued."

"Even if you can disregard the unbelievable remark that Agent Orange is 'less of an issue,' the task force's report was woefully incomplete and inaccurate," says Chairman Stellar.

He says that, except for one small reference, nothing at all was mentioned about the ongoing NAS studies. According to Stellar, details of the report also show that, "The studies are being conducted by people who have a vested interest in performing damage

control on the Agent Orange issue."

For instance, of the 17 completed studies on human health associated with Agent Orange exposure reviewed by the Agent Orange Task Force, two were done by the Department of Defense (DoD), six by the Center for Environmental Health and Injury Control and nine by VA itself. The task force also looked at seven ongoing Agent Orange studies — one by DoD and six by VA.

Dr. Arnold Schecter, a medical researcher and professor at the State University of New York Health Center, criticized the task force report: "It is more than a little surprising and rather depressing to find that 67 percent of funding to date was spent by DoD and 93 percent of future funding will be by DoD. DoD is an impressive agency within its area of expertise. Medical, public health and scientific research are not its area of expertise."

Schecter has tried for years to get U.S. government funding to perform studies on Agent Orange inside Vietnam. Vietnamese researchers also have been trying to document the effects of Agent Orange on Vietnamese. But Vietnam's research grants are meager — only about \$10,000 per year — and even the Vietnamese researchers admit reliable results have been difficult to obtain.

Nevertheless, the federal government continues to deny any research funds for an in-country Vietnam study or for an epidemic study of veterans who served in Vietnam. "Perhaps America's renewed ties with Vietnam have something to do with this," Stellar suggests. "If the relationship between cancers and Agent Orange is proved and accepted in Vietnam, history indicates that Vietnam could be within its rights to ask for reparations."

Clearly, the key to resolving the Agent Orange issue lies in an unbiased major epidemiological study. Yet, the government continues to balk at the proposal. "No wonder veterans tell us they no longer believe in justice," says Stellar. "Many think the government is just waiting for them to die."

Meanwhile, the Legion is keeping its promise to Vietnam veterans by continuing to lobby Congress for help for those exposed to Agent Orange in the service of their country. "The federal government may have lost interest in Agent Orange," says National Commander Detweiler. "But The American Legion hasn't."

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LEYTE GULF

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Evans limped away, hid his ship in a rain squall, then charged anew until the *Johnston* was sunk.

Adm. Kurita's armor-piercing shells passed right through the light hulls of Sprague's ships, and the carrier *Gambier Bay* was sunk. The U.S. carrier *Princeton* had gone down earlier in a skirmish west of Leyte. Kurita, harried by buzzing U.S. planes and the daredevil destroyers, unaccountably got cold feet and, to the astonishment of his victims, sped off in retreat.

"Goddamit, boys," cried an exultant signalman, "they're getting away."

To the south, Rear Adm. Jesse Oldendorf aligned his six old battleships in a neat row waiting to pour their broadsides on the Japanese exiting Surigao Strait. Joining the *Mississippi* were veterans of Pearl Harbor — *West Virginia*, *California*, *Pennsylvania*, *Maryland* and *Tennessee*, the first two of them sunk and later salvaged, and the other three damaged during the attack. Steaming perpendicular to the Japanese ships to bring all possible guns to bear on the enemy, the old gray ladies blasted away in the classic naval maneuver of "crossing the T."

Up north, Halsey had found Ozawa, who had a meager 120 planes manned largely by teenagers. Just as he closed in for the kill, Halsey got

urgent orders to speed back to Leyte to cover the invasion fleet. Furious, he hurled his hat to the deck. His planes had sunk four of Ozawa's flattops but the remnants of his fleet got away. "I turned my back on the opportunity I had dreamed of since I was a cadet," Halsey stormed.

Crippled at sea, the Japanese sought desperate measures by air. Vice Adm. Takijiro Onishi of the First Air Fleet in the Philippines decided "conventional methods of warfare are no longer adequate." He called for volunteers from the 201st Air Group in Luzon to fly suicide attacks on the U.S. ships. Almost the whole unit stepped forward. The first three kamikaze pilots of the war took off Oct. 21 and headed for Leyte Gulf. Two were shot down, but the third crashed into the foremast of an Australia cruiser, killing her captain and 29 of the crew. Four days later, a kamikaze sank the small U.S. carrier *St. Lo*. The suicide pilots, with barely enough training to take off and not enough to return, became one of Japan's most fearsome weapons. But they also symbolized a nation in the throes of death.

During the Battle of Leyte Gulf, the Japanese lost four carriers, three battleships, six heavy cruisers and 10 destroyers. With those losses, the Japanese navy was finished as an effective fighting force. The Americans lost the carriers *Princeton*, *St. Lo* and *Gambier Bay*, destroyers *Hoel* and *Johnston*, and the destroyer escort *Samuel B. Roberts*.

Philippines Commemorates Liberation

AT 10 A.M., Oct. 20, 1994, "MacArthur" will again return to the Philippines in a re-enactment of the Leyte Gulf landings and its liberation from the Japanese 50 years ago.

Persons representing Gen. Douglas MacArthur, and President Sergio Osmeña and Gen. Carlos P. Romulo of the Philippines will walk ashore from a U.S. Navy landing craft along with a reinforced Marine company. MacArthur's arrival speech will be replayed at the beach. The three will ride 1944 vintage jeeps and weapons carriers and pass out candies and chocolate just as U.S. troops did 50 years ago.

The commemorative landing at

Palo on Leyte Island is just one of several activities planned in the Philippines from Oct. 17 to 22 to mark the anniversary. The American Legion Department of the Philippines will be a major participant in many of the events. Ships from WWII Allied nations have been invited to fire blank rounds off shore, and daily activities will include aerial shows, contests, band concerts, food festivals, ethnic dances, fireworks and memorial services.

For further information, contact Undersecretary Ernesto S. Gidaya, Department of National Defense, Camp Aguinaldo, Quezon City, Philippines. □

On Leyte itself, the Japanese decided to make a stand. They poured 70,000 men into the island; only 5,000 of them survived. The Americans of the First Cavalry, 24th, 96th and 7th divisions battled through mud and jungle for months, slowly isolating the Japanese in Leyte's northwest corner.

On Dec. 26, 1944, MacArthur, as was his custom, prematurely announced: "The campaign can now be regarded as closed." Actually, 700 Americans were still to die in what one Army historian called "the most terrible [fighting] we were ever to know" before the battle ended in May.

By then MacArthur had indeed returned, recapturing Manila and Bataan and sweeping on to make more than 40 landings throughout the Philippine archipelago. It had become his own personal war; many of the landings were carried out without any authorization from Washington. In April 1945, MacArthur got the biggest assignment of all: head of Operation Downfall, the invasion of Japan.

With its navy shattered, any rebirth of a SHO operation was out of the question for Japan. The only remaining doubt was the willingness of the Japanese to die for the Emperor and for the homeland they so venerated. ☐

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make the right choices.

23. Avoid The Activity Trap

Don't confuse being busy with being productive. Without discipline, managers can become slaves to their meetings, travel schedules, in-boxes and telephones. They get so wrapped up in the minutiae that they can become "in-box managers" rather than visionary leaders.

24. Pick A Role Model Or Two

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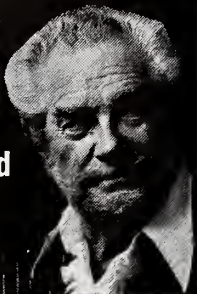
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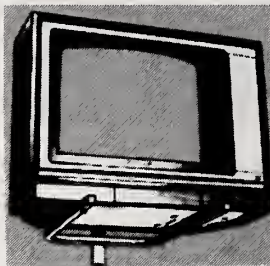
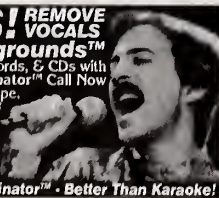
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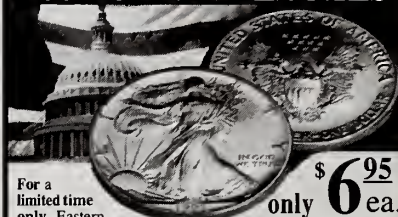
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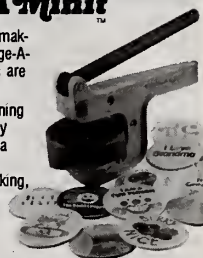
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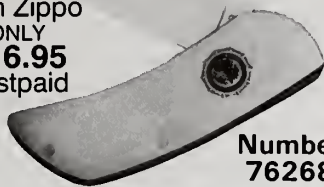
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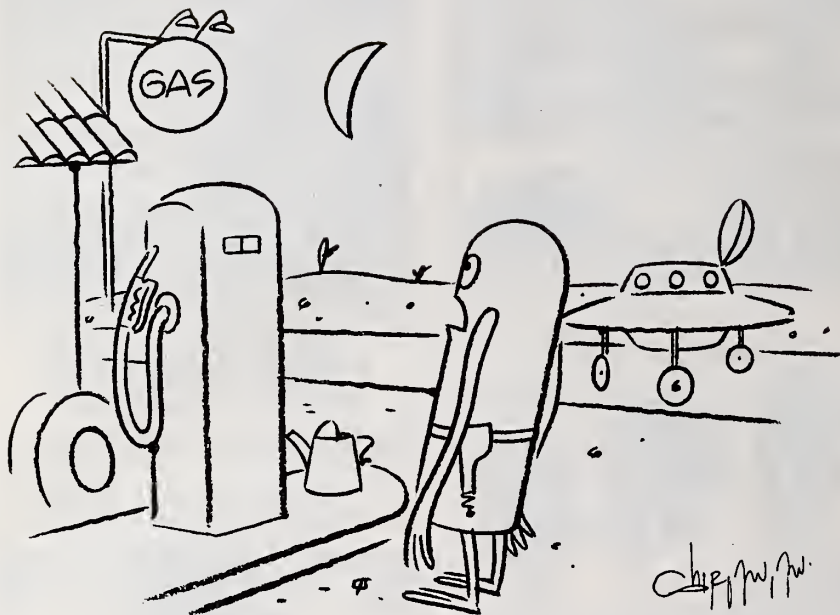
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Just Plane Funny

Jake and Junior liked to hunt. Hearing about the big moose up north, they went to the wilds of Canada. Each bagged a huge moose. When their pilot landed to take them out, he saw their gear and the two moose. "I can't fly out of here with you, your gear and both moose," he said.

"Why not?" asked Jake.

"Because the load will be too heavy. The plane won't be able to take off."

They argued for a few minutes, and then Junior said, "I don't understand. Last year, each of us had a moose, and the pilot loaded everything."

"Well," said the pilot, "I guess if you did it last year, I can do it, too."

So they loaded the plane. But, it was too heavy and crashed into the mountainside. No one was hurt, and as they crawled out of the wreckage, Jake asked, "Where are we?"

Junior surveyed the scene and answered, "Oh, about a mile farther than we got last year."

Pliés And Pugilists

Boxing is like ballet, except there's no music, no choreography, and the dancers hit each other.

Bytes Of Humor

- A computer and a boss have one thing in common: When they go out, nobody does any work.

- It's amazing how important laptop computers have become. They're now indispensable to business travelers, executives on vacation and shy nudists.

- As personal computer systems expand and offer more and more options for users, the most important accessory to a computer is a checkbook.

- Some things never change. You used to be up the creek without a paddle. Now, you're down the information highway without a modem.

Fare Game

It was bound to happen. Airline fares have become so complicated, it's now cheaper to fly to some destinations than to stay at home.

Art Fatal

A Mideast newspaper announcement that could have used a little editing (we hope): "There will be a Tehran Exhibition of Arts by 500 Iranian painters and sculptors. They were executed over the past two years."

Overheard

- At a stock broker's office: "I worry about economists who are so young, they think the Great Depression was ended by Prozac."

- Before a speech: "I'm not being paid to speak with you tonight. So, right off the bat that blows my credibility."

- At the office water cooler: "The boss believes that yes men are annoying and useless. And I have to agree."

- A mother in New York talking to her 6-year-old: "Go out and play in the snow before it gets dirty."

Error Message

They call that computer program Windows, because you get so frustrated you want to throw your computer out of one.

Crime Time

If crime doesn't pay, and if we don't get paid for overtime, isn't working overtime a crime?

Rx 'R' Us

The government wants to put a cap on prescription drug prices. Hmmm, wonder if it will be one of those child-proof caps.

Quote Of The Month

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